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October 7, 1890.

Hon. William Windome,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Pa., of the sum of Forty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Three and $\frac{2}{100}$ Dollars, (\$44,693.02) in Gold Coin and Six Hundred and Ninety Five and $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars (\$695.97) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-five Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-eight and $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars, (\$45,388.99,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver Col., as shown by Memorandum No. 7 dated October 4, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address.

+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+
One Thousand Two Hundred and Eleven and $\frac{20}{100}$			
Dollars, (\$1,211.20) +	+	+	Thirteen
and $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars (\$13.65) +	+	+	One Thousand
Two Hundred and Twenty-four and $\frac{85}{100}$ Dollars,			
(\$1,224.85) +	+	+	+
+	+	7 1/2	+
+	+	+	+

October 7, 1890.

Telegram
ConfirmedSupt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.Reduce purchasing rate of Silver to one
dollar and ten and one half cents.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

October 7, 1890.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 7, dated October 7, 1890 of Gold
Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint
at Philadelphia, Pa. Shipment No. 7, dated September 30,
1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and
the gross value found to be \$45,507.10; charges, \$118.11, and net
value \$45,388.99. For the latter amount a transfer has
been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to
that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address.

+	+	7½	+	October 4	+	
+	+		+	7½	+	\$1,224.85
\$	+		+	\$1,224.85	+	

October 7th 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

C.D. No. 8562 for \$489.74 being on account of Melting assay-
 ing & Stamping Chgs. gr. ldy. Sept. 20, inclosed in your communi-
 cation of the 30th ult. has been received, properly indorsed and
 forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be
 given you in your bullion accounts and the amount is recovered
 into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Two (2) similar letters, except as here noted, to same address,
 C.D. No. 8560 for \$90.⁵⁵ + + Value of Sweep Bar
 recovered + + + + +

C.D. No. 8561, for \$8.⁰⁰ + + Special assays of
 Bullion, inclosed on a + + +
 no personal credit on + + +

Similar letter except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

+ C.D. No. 7793 for \$5.²² + + Alloy charges (additional)
 + + + + + 3rd inst. +
 + + + + +

C.D. No. 7792 for \$118.³⁵ + + Parting and Refining Charges,
 (additional) + + 3rd inst. + + to the credit of the
 appropriation for "Parting & Refining Bullion." + +

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + C.D. No. 129 for \$117.⁴⁰ + + Old Materials & By-Products,
 sale + + 30th ult. + + no personal credit to + +

Oct. 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$28500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1891,	\$ 3500.
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	15000.
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	10000.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

Oct. 7, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$15000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion"

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

Oct. 7th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause the Annual Tabulated Statement of Expenditures of your Mint, for the

fiscal year 1890, to be made up and forwarded at an early day. The two bills yet remaining unpaid can be reported in the Statement as paid. I will also be pleased if you will furnish the amounts remaining to the credit of your appropriations for 1890 as shown by the books of your Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

October 7th 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$15,000 from the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver Bullion." Act July 14, 1890, to meet, in part, the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

October 7, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, for your mint, will be \$1.105 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 7, 1890.

Sept. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar + Bullion Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending September 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

October 7, 1890.

Sept. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Hereafter when reporting at the close of business Saturday, the amount of your local purchases and partings for the month, you will also report the cost.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter sent to:

Sept. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Oct. 7th, 1890.

Sept. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo relative to making payments for silver in Treasury notes, you are informed that

the Treasury notes sent you are to be used in paying for partings as well as for local purchases in case sellers of silver should prefer payment in that form instead of by check on New York.

Heretofore sellers of silver to your Mint have preferred payment by check on New York, but the Department is willing to transfer a sufficient amount of Treasury notes to enable you to make payment over the counter for purchases in this manner when desired.

When your present stock of Treasury notes is exhausted a further supply will be sent you, and in larger denominations if desired.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Actg Director of the Mint.

Oct. 7, 1890.

John J. Boyle, Esq.,
3833 Lancaster Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of blank date, you are respectfully informed that no action has been taken by the Department in regard to new designs for coins.

When action is taken due public notice will be given.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Carl G. W. Krauskopf, Esq.,
88, West Washington St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

+ + + of the 5th inst. + +

October 7, 1890.

The Superintendent, Document Room,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I would be pleased if you would send me two copies of the bill (H.R. 3910), introduced in the House during the last session.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 8, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty⁵⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$22,260.⁵⁹/₁₀₀) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Twenty-one⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$121.⁷⁵/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-two Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-two³⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$22,382.³⁵/₁₀₀) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte as shown by Memorandum No. 9 dated Oct. 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

October 8th 1890.

Hon. William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of O. C. Besby, Chief Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars [\$95,000] on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars under the act of July 14, 1890, and that the bullion fund of said institution be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint

October 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

In future please forward with your Bullion Accounts an "Abstract of Disbursements Account Expense of Distributing U. S. Dollars" showing separately, the items for Transportation and Incidentals, also in your "Statement of Earnings and Expenditures," please show, separately, the same items.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

October 8, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and eleven cents.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, LaSupt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Oct. 8, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 9, dated Oct. 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia. Shipment No. 9 dated Sept. 30, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$22,435.⁴⁷/₁₀₀; charges \$3.¹²/₁₀₀, and net value \$22,382.³⁵/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 8th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary
 Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for
 the month ending September 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+
+	+	billions	+	+
+	+		+	+
				quarter

Oct. 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the
 month of Sept. 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the
 Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

28 S. S. Dollars,	\$ 28.00
Total . . .	\$ 28.00

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

22 S. S. Dollars	\$ 22.00
80 Dimes	8.00
	\$ 30.00

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

(over)

6 Double Eagles
22 S. S. Dollars

\$ 120.00

22.00

\$142.00

Oct. 8, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In future on your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures please show, separately, the items Transportation and Incidentals, 'Account Expense of Distributing, Standard Silver Dollars.

Respectfully yours

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of October, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$10200.⁰⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1891, \$ 2700

Wages of Workmen, 1891, 5000

Contingent Expenses 1891, 2500

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 8, 1890.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$5,000. from the appropriation for the "Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar," Act February 28¹⁸⁷⁷, 1878, to meet in part, the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

Oct. 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Consolidated Kansas City	}	50,000 Ounces, at \$1.11625
Smelting and Refining Company		
Kaandt & Korman		150,000 Ounces, at \$1.117
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.		30,000 Ounces, at \$1.117
Zimmermann & Forshay		50,000 Ounces, at \$1.117

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint

Oct. 8th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I have requested that the sum of one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars [8195,000] be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name on account of profits on the coinage of Silver dollars under the act of July 14, 1890 and that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of Silver at your Mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.11 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1890.

The Phoenix Mfg. Co.
Taunton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I have received the following telegraph from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, Carson Nevada.

Railroad holding crucibles at Ogden, shipped by Phoenix Co. charges collect. Should not Phoenix Co.

prepay freight according to contract. Please arrange for immediate shipment of crucibles as our supply is exhausted.

Signed J. C. Wright, Superintendent
Under your contract the crucibles were to be delivered free of charges to the Mint.

I will thank you to take such steps as will insure their immediate delivery.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 8, 1890.
To the Orr & Hess Machine Co. (Limited)
#1518 Spring Garden Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant you are informed that it is immaterial to this Bureau by what route the cutting machines are shipped to the Mint at New Orleans.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 8, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer of one hundred and fifty thousand ounces silver at one dollar eleven and seven tenths cents per ounce fine accepted. Others declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

October 8, 1890.

Telegram
ConfirmedJacob Newman,
New Orleans, La.

Your offer declined

R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Minis

Similar telegrams sent to:

Muller, Schall & Co.
54 Wall Street, New YorkHeidelbach, Schelheimer & Co.
New York.Piza, Nephews & Co.
#18 Broadway, New York.E. H. Pullen, Cashier, National Bank of the Republic,
New York.L. & S. Wormser,
New York.Reslage Colgate & Co.
#29, Wall Street, New York.J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

Oct. 8, 1890.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company,
#28 Nassau Street
New York

Similar telegrams to:

Messlage, Colgate & Co. Inc.,
#29 Wall Street, New York.

Zimmermann & Forskay,
#11 Wall Street, New York.

October 9, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 4th., instant I would state that there is no charge against your office for envelopes or printing for statistical purposes.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of October, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$231. 40, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:-

Salaries, 1891, \$231.70

Very respectfully,
W. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

October 9, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith please find returned for correction, your Annual Tabulated Statement of Expenditures. The statement of disbursements from the appropriation for Parting^{and} Refining Bullion, received by same mail, shows the amount paid on account of incidental^{and} contingent expenses to have been \$11,115.49, which agrees with the books of the Bureau. It will be observed that the amount disbursed on same account is given in this statement at \$11,114.79.

Please return without delay.

Respectfully yours,
W. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

October 9, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1890, are again returned for correction.

The book-keeper has simply increased the balances of the accounts - silver purchase^{and} silver profit fund - instead of making the entries as directed in the letter of this Bu-

rean of the 19th, ultimo.

You will instruct the Book-keeper to take up the balances as shown by your accounts rendered March 31, ²⁴ to debit your silver purchase bullion account ^{and} credit silver profit fund, as directed in the letter above referred to.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

October, 9, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

In App't.
Book. p. 231.

Sir: -

The Official bond of Levi R. Cowperthwaite, as Cashier of your Mint has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury ^{and} was yesterday referred to the Office of the First Comptroller for file.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

October 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir: -

I have to-day approved ^{and} referred to the accounting Officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to \$91.02, for the manufacture of three pairs of eagle ^{and} three pairs half-Eagle, dies, for the use of your Mint. The amount will be paid from appropriations of your Mint, as follows: -

Wages of Workmen, -	1891,	<u>\$85.44</u>
Contingent Expenses, -	1891,	<u>5.58</u>

Respectfully yours,
H. C. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letters with the following exceptions sent to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.,

- + + + + + +
+ + + + + + + your bill, amounting to \$184.14, for the manufacture of nine pairs of Standard Silver Dollar dies, for the use of your Mint.

The amount will be paid from the appropriation for the "Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar," and covered by transfer warrant, to the credit of the following appropriations of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia: -

Wages of Workmen, -	1891,	<u>\$174.96</u>
Contingent Expenses, -	1891,	<u>9.18</u>

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

- + + + + + +
+ + + + + + + your bill, amounting to \$184.14, for the manufacture of nine pairs of Standard Silver Dollar dies, for the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. The amount will be paid from the appropriation for the "Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar" and covered by transfer warrant, to appropriations of your Mint, as follows: -

Wages of Workmen, -	1891,	<u>\$174.96</u>
Contingent Expenses, -	1891,	<u>9.18</u>

Similar, with following exceptions to same address: -

- + + + + + +
+ + + + + + + your bill amounting to \$91.02, for the manufacture of

three pairs of Eagle ^{and} three pairs of Half-Eagle dies, for the use of the Mint at Carson, Nev.,

The amount will be covered by transfer warrant, to the credit of appropriations of your Mint, as follows:-

Wages of Workmen, -	1891,	<u>\$85.414</u>
Contingent Expenses, -	1891,	<u>5.58</u>

October 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary ^{and} Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for the Month ending September 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

October 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:-

Consolidated Kansas City			
Smelting & Refining Company, -	50,000	Ounces, at	\$1.109
Heidelbach, Schelheimer & Co., -	50,000	" "	1.109
Wandy ^{and} Harman, -	100,000	" "	1.107
			(Over).

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of L. R. Corporation
entered by Master
in App. Book
#5, page 231

Wandy ^{2d} Harman, - 100,000 Ounces, at \$1.108.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir: -

Deposit Memorandum No. 10, dated Oct. 6, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 10, dated Sept. 30, 1890, has been received ^{2d} examined at this Bureau, ^{2d} the gross value found to be \$21,726.99; charges \$51.45, ^{2d} net value \$21,674.64.

For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter with the following exceptions, sent to: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

- + + No. 125, dated Oct. 6, 1890, +
+ + + + + Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment
No. 125, dated Oct. 3, 1890, has been received &c., + +
+ + ^{2d} the gross value found to be \$10,182.99;
charges \$22.91, ^{2d} net value \$10,160.06. For the lat-
ter amount - + + + + + +
+ + + + +

October 10, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir: -

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be

made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred ²²/₁₀₀ and Seventy-eight ⁸²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$9,878.82), in Gold Coin, ²²/₁₀₀ and Two Hundred ²⁴/₁₀₀ and Eighty-one ²⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$281.24), in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand, One Hundred ²²/₁₀₀ and Sixty ⁶⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$10,160.06), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 125, dated Oct., 6, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letter with the following exceptions, to same address: -

+ + of the U. S. Assay Office at
Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Two Hundred ²⁸/₁₀₀ and Fifty-seven ⁵⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$21,257.08) in Gold Coin, ²⁸/₁₀₀ and Four Hundred ⁵⁶/₁₀₀ and Seventeen ⁵⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$417.56), in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-one Thousand, Six Hundred ²⁸/₁₀₀ and Seventy-four ⁶⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$21,674.64), being the net value of Bullion + + + + + + +
Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 10, dated Oct. 6, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

October 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th., instant

you are authorized to invite proposals, by letter addressed to such parties as you think would be willing to bid, for the old stone in sidewalk, ^{and} to accept the highest bid, depositing the proceeds in the Treasury as sale of old material ^{and} transmitting a certificate of deposit for the same to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$3,000 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting ^{and} refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letter with the following exceptions, sent to same:

— + + + + + + +
 the sum of \$5,000, from the appropriation for the Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, to meet in part the expenses of your Mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

October 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expen-

penses of your institution during the Month of October, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$6,000 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:-

Salaries,-	1891,	<u>\$2,500</u>
Wages of Workmen,-	1891,	<u>2,500</u>
Contingent Expenses,-	1891,	<u>1,000</u>

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston,
Acting Director.

October 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C. D., No. 137, for \$11,508.06, being on account of Melting, Parting ^{and} Refining, ^{and} fine Silver bar charges, enclosed in your communication of the 3rd instant, has been received, properly indorsed ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting ^{and} Refining Bullion".

Respectfully yours,
R. C. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar letter with the following exceptions, to same address:-

- + + No. 138, for \$47.59, being on account of Alloy charges, Quarter ending Sept. 30,
+ + + + +
+ + + + +
+ + to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

October 10, 1890.

Heidelback, Ickelheimer and Co.,
New York.

Telegram. — Your offer of fifty thousand ounces
 silver at one dollar - ten ^{and} nine-tenths cents ac-
 Confirmed. cepted. Other declined.

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director, Mint.

October 10, 1890.

Con'd. Kansas City S. and K. Company,
"20, Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegram with the following exception, sent to: —

Telegram.

Handy and Harman,
"24, Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed.

— + offers + .

October 10, 1890.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offers declined.

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams with the following exception sent to the following: —

Confirmed.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
"29, Wall Street, New York.

— + offer + .

Confirmed.

M. Gernsheim & Co.,
"10, Wall Street
New York.

Similar
 to the
 preceding

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed

J. ^{my} S. Wormser,
New York.

Confirmed

Muller, Schall & Co.,
#54, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed

E. H. Tullen, Cashier National Bank Republic,
New York.

Confirmed

Similar to
the fore-
going.

Gimmerman ^{my} Horshay,
#71, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed

Do.

October 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate
of silver at your mint, in lots of less than
10,000 ounces, will be \$1.10 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Reduce purchasing rate of silver to
one-hundred ^{and} ten cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar telegrams sent to the following:—

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

(Over).

Confirmed. Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

October 10, 1890.

C. O. Leach,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Telegram.

— Assistant Treasurer New York telegraphs
Wheler has credit of twenty-nine thousand, five
hundred and fifty-eight dollars and five cents.

H. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

October 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon
assay coins taken from the first and two subse-
quent deliveries in each week at your Mint, du-
ring the Month of August, 1890, and forwarded for
test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal
limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
H. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

October 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7798, for \$5,694.50, being on ac-
count of unexpended balance of appropriation
for the "Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar",
inclosed in your communication of the 10th, in-

Stark, has been received, properly indorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Standard Silver Dollar account, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

October 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward as early as practicable, a statement showing the amount ^{and} cost of the one cent bronze ^{and} five cent nickel blanks purchased during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 11, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30th, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 R. C. Preston,
 Acting Director.

October 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

Full transfer order for dimes, for Saint Louis without delay. Stock there entirely exhausted.

R. C. Preston,
 Acting Director, Mint.

October 13, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:—

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,— 40,000 Ounces, at \$1.1078.

Respectfully yours,
 R. C. Preston, Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter with the following exceptions, sent to: -
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

payable in Treasury notes: -

Heidelbach, Eckelheimer & Co.,	100,000	Ounces,	at	\$1.1075
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,	50,000	"	"	1.1075
Zimmerman & Gorshay,	50,000	"	"	1.1079
Wandy & Harman,	50,000	"	"	1.1069
" " "	100,000	"	"	1.1074

October 13, 1890.

Spruille Braden,

late Assayer in Charge,

Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Enclosed please find gold certificate No. 7, to which you will please attach your signature.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1890.

H. A. Collins, Esq.,

Carana, Ills.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 11th, inst., addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, you are respectfully informed that no action has been taken by the Department in regard to new designs for coins.

When action is taken, due public notice will be given.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 13, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Orison, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 146, for \$1,089.90, being on account of Sale of copper solution, gr. ending Sept. 30, inclosed in your communication of the 6th, inst., has been received, properly indorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

October 13, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Please forward duplicate of form one ninety-three for July. Original mislaid.

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director, Mint.

October 13, 1890.

Wandy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offers of fifty thousand ounces silver at one dollar ten ^{and} sixty-nine hundredths cents per ounce fine, ^{and} of one hundred thousand ounces at one dollar ten ^{and} seventy-four hundredths cents accepted. Others declined.

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director, Mint.

October 13, 1890.

Weidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces silver at one dollar, ten, ^{and} three-fourths cents was accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, sent to: —

Zimmerman & Horshay,

*11, Wall Street, New York.

Telegram.

— + + + fifty-thousand ounces silver at one dollar, ten ^{and} seventy-nine hundredths cents per ounce fine accepted. Other declined.

Confirmed.

October 13, 1890.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
*29, Wall Street,

Telegram.

New York.

— Your offer accepted.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: —

Weidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,

Confirmed.

New York.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

Similar to the preceding.

October 13, 1890.

August Belmont & Company,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your offers declined.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the foregoing, except as follows,
sent to the following:—

Confirmed. J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

— + offer +

Confirmed. I. & S. Wormser,
New York.

Confirmed. M. Gernsheim & Co.,
#10, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed. E. W. Pullen, Cashier, National Bank Republic,
New York.

October 14, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and
Vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar letters sent to the following:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

October 14, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to letter of this Bureau of the 10th., instant in relation to payment of the bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the manufacture of nine pairs of Standard Silver dollar dies for the use of your Mint, I have to say that the amount, - \$184.14, will be paid from the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver Bullion", Act July 14, 1890, instead of as advised therein.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

October 14, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Eighteen Thousand One Hundred ⁴³/₁₀₀ and Seventy-three ⁹⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$18,173.43), in Gold Coin and One Hundred ²³/₁₀₀ and Twenty-three ⁹⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$123.98), in Silver Coin, making a total of Eighteen Thousand, Two Hundred ²³/₁₀₀ and Ninety-seven ⁴¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$18,297.41), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 4, dated Oct. 10th., 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

October 14, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 4, dated Oct. 10, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 4, dated Oct. 3, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$18,340.80, charges \$43.39, and net value \$18,297.41. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$969.60, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:—

Salaries,	1891,	<u>\$269.60</u>
Wages of Workmen	1891,	<u>700.00</u>
Contingent Expenses		

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

October 14, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7802, for Proo, being on account of Profits on Medals ^{and} Proof Coins, inclosed in your communication of the 13th, instant, has been received, properly indorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Medal Fund accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

October 14, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement a bill of the Stationery division, Treasury Department, for Stationery, shipped you on the 21st, of August, 1890, amounting to \$50.44, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Office, fiscal year, 1891.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

Similar letter except as follows, sent to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— + + + + + + +
 + + + + + + +
 + + amounting to \$67.32 — + + + +

October 14, 1890.

W. Ford Thomas, Esq.,
Attorney for Claus Spreckels,
Chestnut & Water Sts.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th., instant, you are informed that the guilder is of the same value as the florin of Netherlands, viz: 40 $\frac{2}{10}$ cents.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at your Mint, will be \$1.095 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith statement of silver delivered by Messrs. Colgate & Co., on their sale of the 16th., instant, with the information that the amount purchased of them that day was 100,000 ounces. The statement is therefore incomplete.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,

Telegram.

San Francisco, Cal.— Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one
Confirmed. dollar, nine ³/₄ one-half cents.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: —

Superintendent, Mint,

Confirmed.

Carson, Nev.Superintendent, Mint,

Confirmed.

New Orleans, La.

October 14, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boise City National Bank, Boise City, Idaho.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of

Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Boise City National Bank.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1890.

H. W. Porter, Esq.,
Auditor C. R. I. & Pac. R. R. Co.,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 10th, inst., I would state that the Mint has no coins of back dates for sale.

Gold bars may be exchanged for such denomination of gold coin as the Mint may have on hand. You cannot have the bar coined into such coins or dates as you may select as no coins or coinage dies are retained after the expiration of any calendar year.

"Medallion History of United States of America" by Loubat, New York, 1880, published by the author, probably contains the information you wish.

Medal Circular, inclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 14, 1890.

Frank S. Rusk, Esq.,
76, Beaver Street,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter, requesting information as to the process by which this bureau

arrives at the value of foreign coins, for custom purposes, you are informed that Sec. 52 of the Act approved Oct. 1, 1890, (known as the McKinley Bill) provides that the value of foreign coin as expressed in the money of account of the United States shall be that of the pure metal of such coin of standard value.

In estimating the value of coins of the silver standard countries the average price of silver for a given period is taken.

In the circular issued October 1, a copy of which is inclosed, the value of foreign coins is based upon the average price paid by the Department for silver purchased (under Act of July 14, 1890) from August 13, the date the law went into effect, to September 30, viz: - \$1.17 per ounce fine. At this rate the Austrian florin containing 171.45 grains of pure silver, is worth \$0.42.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

M. Gernsheim & Co., - 45,000 ounces, at \$1.0959
(Over).

Handy & Harman, - 200,000 Ounces, at \$1.0969.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at your mint, will be \$1.09 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

October 15, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery^{and} Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts^{and} Vouchers, for the Month ending September 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

October 15, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this office, by return mail, a set of the blanks that accompany your bullion accounts.

These blanks are for the Government of Guatemala, & I am unable to make up a set from our files. I simply want the blanks that accompany the bullion accounts.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

October 15, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street,
New York.

— Your offer of two hundred thousand ounces silver at one dollar, nine ^{and} sixty-nine hundredths cents accepted. Other declined.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

October 15, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— You are authorized to pay freight on crucibles ^{and} deduct the amount from the bill of the Phoenix Manufacturing Company.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

October 15, 1890.

M. Gernsheim & Co.,
#10, Wall Street,
New York.

— Your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

October 16, 1890.

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

— Your offer declined.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston,Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: —

Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,

Confirmed.

New York.

Confirmed.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
20, Nassau Street, New York.

October 16, 1890.

Telegram.

Superintendent, Mint,Carson, Nev.

Confirmed.

— Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one
dollar ^{and} nine cents.R. E. Preston,Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: —

Superintendent, Mint,New Orleans, La.Superintendent, Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

October 16, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Enclosed please find gold certificates Nos. 35, 44, 99th 100, which failed to receive your signature. Assay reports Nos. 66th 71 are also enclosed, the number of ounces of gold bullion not having been entered thereon. You will

please make the necessary corrections ^{and} return the same as soon as practicable.

I wish also to call ^{your} attention to the fact that it has been customary heretofore, to place the assay reports in a separate package instead of enclosing them singly in the jackets of the Mint receipts.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

October 16, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the "Corrected" Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your "Corrected" bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
 bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for
 the Month ending Sept. 30th., 1890.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

October 16, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

C. D. No. 342, for \$4.00, being on account
 of Special Bullion Assays, Month end'g. Sept. 30th.
 inclosed in your communication of the 7th, inst.,
 has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded
 to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal cred-
 it to be given you in your bullion accounts,
 and the amount to be covered into the Treasury
 as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: -

— C. D. No. 343, for \$2.50, being on
 account of Sale of Old Material, Month end'g.
 Sept. 30, 1890, + + + + +
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 + + + + +

October 16, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Certificate of Deposit \$341, for \$84.68, is herewith returned being the duplicate copy; please forward the original copy without delay.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

October 16, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty Thousand, Eight Hundred, Seventy and $\frac{9}{10}$ Dollars (\$40,870.91), payable in 42,486.16 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of Wm. H. Dimond, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, the sum of Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.) on account of profits on the coinage of sil-

ver dollars under the Act of July 14, 1890, ^{and} that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, the sum of \$85,000. on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars under the Act of July 14, 1890, ^{and} that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of that amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of \$49,870.91, payable in 42,486.16 ounces of standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint, of the sum of \$40,870.91, payable in 42,486.16 ounces of standard silver bullion. When received you will take up ^{and} treat this bullion as a purchase of silver under the Act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 H. E. Preston,
 Acting Director, Mint.

October 16, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith one silver life saving medal struck in compliance with your request of the 1st, instant. I also transmit herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the medal rider case &c., amounting to \$11.45, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted him under cover to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
 H. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I will thank you to obtain from the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company a statement of the amount of Silver Bullion on hand, ^{and} against which certificates of deposit have been issued by them, at the close of business on June 30, 1890.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:-

American Exchange National Bank,	48,000	Ounces,	at	\$1.10 1/4
Zimmerman ^{and} Forshay,	100,000	"	"	1.10 1/4.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 17, 1890.

W. B. Dana, ^{and} Company,
102, William Street,
New York.

Telegram.

— One hundred ^{and} forty-eight thousand

ounces silver purchased to day by the Treasury Department, at one dollar, ten ^{and} four-tenths cents per fine ounce.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

October 17, 1890.

Telegram. Heidelbach, Schelheimer & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

Confirmed. Similar telegrams sent to the following: —
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed. J. & S. Wormser,
New York.

Confirmed. J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

October 17, 1890.

Telegram. Gimmerman & Gorshay,
*11, Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

Confirmed. Similar telegram sent to: —
American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

October 18, 1890.

S. Braden, Esq.,Late Assayer in chargeU. S. Assay Office,Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Send without delay, your Statement of Earnings ^{and} Expenditures for the months of July ^{and} August, 1890.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director, Mint.

October 18, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th., instant you are authorized to accept the bid of John M. Desloges for one old assay balance, viz: \$25- ^{and} deposit the amount in the Treasury as proceeds from the sale of old material, transmitting Certificate of Deposit for the same to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith medal fund vouchers, signed in duplicate enclosed in your letter of the 10th., instant.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

- Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received from the Express Company five (5) silver Indian peace medals forwarded by you on the 16th, instant.

Respectfully yours,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

October 18, 1890.

George A. Rowe, Esq.,
Coleman House,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 16th, inst., you are respectfully informed that no action has been taken by the Department in regard to new designs for coins.

When action is taken due public notice will be given.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C. D. No. 164, for \$542.61, being on account of Alloy charges, yr. ending Sept. 30, 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 4th, inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and

the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: -

— C. D. No. 165, for \$11,529.85, being on account of Parting & Refining Chgs., gr. ending Sept., 30,

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+ + + + + + +

to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting & Refining Bullion."

Similar, except as follows, sent to: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

— C. D. No. 960, for \$27.06, being on account of Sweeps of the quarter ending Sept., 30, -90, inclosed in your communication of the 14th, inst.,

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+ + personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

— C. D. No. 951, for \$353.04, being on account of Melting, Assaying and Stamping Chgs., gr., ending Sept., 30, + + + + + + +

+ + + + + + +

— C. D. No. 952, for \$50.50, being on account of Special Bullion Assays, gr., ending Sept., 30, + + + + + + +

no personal credit + + + + + + +
+ + + + + + +

October 20, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bull-
 ion Accounts with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for the
 quarter ending Sept., 30th., 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters sent to the following: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Similar, except as follows, sent to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + Ordinary ^{and}
 Refinery expense Accounts + + + +
 for the month ending September 30, 1890.

October 20, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bull-
 ion Fund of the United States Assay Office at
 Boise City be increased in the sum of Fifty
 Thousand Dollars \$50,000, by a transfer of
 that amount in lawful money, ^{and} that the
 same be placed to the credit of the Assayer
 in charge of said institution with the Assistant
 Treasurer, U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours, - E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

Letter similar to the foregoing except as follows, to same address: —

— + + + + + +
 at Helena, be increased in the sum of Fifty
 Thousand Dollars \$50,000, + + + +
 + + + + + + + +
 with the Merchants' National Bank, Helena.

October 20, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, \$50,000, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, sent to: —

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

— + + + + + +
 + + by a transfer of Fifty Thousand
 Dollars \$50,000, + + + + +
 + + with the Merchants' National Bank
 at Helena.

October 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Please forward your Statement of Deposits and Purchases, Domestic Production and Bars manufactured during month of September, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th., instant in reference to the trade dollar bullion now under seal at your mint, you are authorized to use of this bullion from time to time so much as may be necessary to execute any subsidiary silver coinage required.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th., instant you are authorized to purchase a platform scale of a capacity of 500 lbs., for the use of the storekeeper and receiving clerk.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the pro-

visions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co., 70,000 Ounces, at \$1.0962.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, sent to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,	—	50,000	Ounces,	at	\$1.0964;		
Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,	—	50,000	"	"	1.0959;		
Kesslage, Colgate & Co.,	—	50,000	"	"	1.0965;		
August, Belmont & Co.,	—	100,000	"	"	1.0967;		
Am. Ex. National Bank,	—	27,000	"	"	1.0940;		
L & S. Wormser,	—	50,000	"	"	1.0948;		
Zimmerman & Horshay,	—	150,000	"	"	1.0965;		
Zimmerman & Horshay,	—	100,000	"	"	1.0967.		

October 20, 1890.

Hon. John W. Noble,

Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith five (5) silver Indian Peace Medals struck in compliance with your request of February 6th, last, from new designs approved by you under date of May 21st, last. I also enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for these medals including express charges,

amounting to \$33.55, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted him under cover to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1890.

New York Times,
New York City.
Gentlemen:

You will please renew the subscription of this Bureau to the Daily Times, including, Sunday, for one year, transmitting your account for settlement.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending June 30th., 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30th., 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

October 20, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, a bill of C. L. Vanter of Helena, Montana, for electrical supplies furnished your Office August 31, 1890, amounting to \$22.60, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your office, fiscal year 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

October 20, 1890.

Consolidated Kansas City S. & B. Co.,
#20, Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Telegrams similar to the foregoing sent to the following: -

Handy & Harman,

#24, Nassau Street,

New York.

Helby Smelting & Lead Company,

San Francisco, Cal.

October 20, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,

New York.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: -

August Belmont & Co.,

New York.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,

Denver, Colo.

Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,

New York.

I. & S. Hornsby,

New York.

Similar, except as follows, sent to: -

Gimmerman & Horshay

#11, Wall Street,

New York.

— Your offers both accepted.

October 20, 1890.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
#29, Wall Street,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer of fifty thousand ounces silver at one dollar, nine ^{and} sixty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

October 20, 1890.

Messers Russell & Co.,
#60, Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Your communication of the 17th, inst., relative to the latest statistics of Imports and Exports of Silver Bullion has been received and referred to the Bureau of Statistics.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Will approve the temporary employment of six additional workmen in your Mint. Have been absent from the City.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

October 21, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith an estimate of an appropriation for Wages of Workmen at the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, amounting to \$701.50, which is necessary to complete the Service of the present fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith draft on New York No. 13076, deposited for minor coins, properly endorsed.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause the following dies of the current calendar year to be forwarded to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco at the earliest date practicable, viz: 10 pairs of dimes, 5 pairs double-eagles and 5 pairs obverse dollars.

Respectfully yours, E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared ^{and} forwarded to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, the following coinage dies for the calendar year 1891, viz: - 10 pairs of double eagles, 20 pairs of silver dollars ^{and} 10 pairs of dimes.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to purchase for the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mon., one set of gold assay weights ^{and} transmit the same to the Assayer in charge with the account therefor received in duplicate, when a draft will be forwarded you for the amount.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Medal Fund Account with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for the Quarter ending September 30, 1890.

Very respectfully, E. O. Leech,
 Director.

October 21, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Seven Hundred ^{and} Twenty-four ¹³/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$22,724.13) in Gold Coin, ^{and} Two Hundred ^{and} Sixty-three ⁶⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$263.67) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-two Thousand Nine Hundred ^{and} Eighty-seven ⁸⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$22,987.80), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 11, dated Oct., 18th, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

October 21, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 11, dated Oct., 18, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 11, dated Oct., 11, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$23,045.69; charges \$57.80, ^{and} net value \$22,987.89. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

(Over).

Respectfully yours,
 O. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1890.

Wm. M. Marine, Esq.,
Collector of Customs,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Thanking you for your communication of the 3rd, inst., relative to the exportation of silver ores from your port during the current calendar year, I will thank you to inform me whether the manifest value of the exports of these ores includes the value of the copper as well as the gold ^{and} silver, ^{and} if so, whether you have any data in the possession of your office which will enable you to ascertain approximately the amount of silver contained in the ores of the Anaconda Co., shipped from your port during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, ^{and} the quantity of gold; my purpose being to separate the value of the precious metals from the value of the copper.

If you are not able to furnish this information I will thank you to refer this letter to the Baltimore Copper Smelting ^{and} Rolling Co., with the request that they will forward to me at once a statement showing the amount of silver ^{and} gold, separately, contained in the matte of the Anaconda Co., exported from the port of Baltimore during the last fiscal year.

Heretofore it has been customary at the custom Houses to classify this class of ore under the head of "copper matte" or "copper ore exported" ^{and} if you will refer to my annual reports you will find that the Collector of

customs at New York furnished annually a statement of the amount of silver ^{and} gold contained in ores exported as "copper ore" or "copper matte," and shipped principally from mines in the state of Montana.

Very respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 21, 1890.

The Editor of the
Engineering ^{and} Mining Journal.
27, Park Place, New York.

Dear Sir:

I have been absent from the city for some sixteen days ^{and} have not had an opportunity to see your Journal while I was gone.

I notice in the edition of the 18th., inst., an article ^{and} letter from your correspondent, headed: - "The Comstock Mill Ring Scandals".

I feel it due to the officers of the Carson mint to say that when these charges were first presented to the Department I instructed an entirely disinterested party, an officer of the mint at San Francisco, to proceed to Carson and investigate the truth of them so far as related to any collusion upon the part of the officers of the United States Mint, and also instructed him before going to Carson to confer fully with the parties making the charges, and use every endeavor to ascertain the truth.

I have his report in which he informs me that he did as instructed, and that there was not the slightest evidence of any kind adduced implicating the officers of the Car-

Don't mint in any wrong doing.

In order, however, to afford the stock-holders in San Francisco every possible means, so far as the mint was concerned, of tracing bullion, I had prepared and forwarded to them an elaborate document, covering many pages, and consuming in its preparation weeks of clerical services, showing in detail every deposit of bullion at the mint at Carson from January 1, 1887, to the end of the fiscal year 1890, the names of the depositors and all the particulars which they desired.

While I have nothing to say in regard to the controversy between the stock-holders and the managers of the properties, which controversy cannot be settled by the Treasury Department, I wish to say that this Department has afforded the gentlemen making these charges every facility for arriving at the truth so far as the records of the mint service would assist.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer

at New York, payable in Treasury notes: -

August Belmont & Co.,	100,000	Ounces, at	\$1.0943.
Hoady & Harman,	200,000	" "	1.0944.
Kesslage, Colgate & Co.,	100,000	" "	1.0940.
Zimmerman & Forshay,	100,000	" "	1.0939.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury notes, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Three million Dollars (\$3,000,000), in Treasury notes and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours, - E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Sept., 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: -

<u>14</u> U. S. Dollars,	<u>\$ 14.00</u>
<u>4</u> Double Eagles,	<u>80.00</u>
Total,	<u>\$ 94.00</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck ^{and} mounted for the Life Saving Service, eight (8) gold medals.

The medals should be placed in suitable morocco cases. You will forward the same to this Bureau accompanied by your account rendered upon the enclosed blank vouchers.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the following drafts enclosed in your letter of the 21st, instant, viz: - draft on the Fourth Street National Bank,

No. 8228, for \$200.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Telegram.

— Your register of deposits for the quarter ended September 30, has been received.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

You are instructed to forward the coins reserved at your mint for special test to this Bureau on the last day of the month.

Your attention is called to the fact that the coins for the month of September did not leave your mint until the 13th, of October^{and} were not received until the 21st, thus delaying their examination unnecessarily.

In future you will not make out a "record of coins reserved for special test," but in your letter of advice state the number^{and} denominations of the coins sent.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Wandy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram.

Two hundred thousand ounces of your
 Confirmed. offer accepted. Balance declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Telegram. Bank of California,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, sent to: -

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

+ offers +

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Receive from Selby Smelting and Lead
 Confirmed. Company fifteen thousand ounces silver at one
 dollar, nine and one-fourth cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st, instant,
 requesting authority to purchase a No. 35 coining
 press for the coinage of cents and nickels at a

price not to exceed \$1,200., you are hereby authorized to purchase the same for immediate delivery, ^{and} to pay the cost from your contingent appropriation. It will not be lawful to pay for it from "minor coinage profits".

If this press works satisfactorily you will immediately order two additional ones, to be paid for in the same manner.

Please order the press by telegram ^{and} have it set up at once.

It is of the first importance that the minor coinage orders should be filled promptly. The complaint over the country is very general that they cannot get minor coins, ^{and} unless your mint is able to meet the demand I shall recommend to Congress that authority be given by law to coin minor coins in the other mints.

I am willing to provide you with the necessary machinery to strike the pieces, ^{and} with the necessary force to execute the coinage, but will expect substantial results which as yet I fail to see.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday relative to trade dollar bullion, I fail to understand how your stock of trade dollar bullion will be exhausted by the end of this month, in subsidiary coinage. According to form No. 193,

you had on hand on October first 2,224,039 ounces of trade dollar bullion.

Your coinage of dimes for the current month will not exceed \$250,000, so that you should have over 2,000,000 ounces of trade dollar bullion on hand.

I do not see any necessity of transferring the trade dollar bars from the New York assay office until the stock at your mint is exhausted.

Possibly I do not understand the drift of your letters of the 13th., ^{2nd} and 21st, instants, but I will say in a general way that it is my intention that you should use up your stock of trade dollar bullion before the bars at New York will be transferred to your mint, ^{and} that there is no necessity of keeping the trade dollar bullion at your mint under seal any longer.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 22, 1890.

Ginnerman & Horshay,
*11, Wall Street,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces silver at one dollar, nine ^{and} thirty-nine hundredths cents accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, sent to:—

Wesslage, Colgate & Co.,
*29, Wall Street, New York.

— + + + + + + + at

Confirmed. one dollar, nine $\frac{2}{4}$ four-tenths cents accepted. +
+ .

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram. — Telegraph me the number of employes, exclusive of salaried officers and clerks, on the roll July first of the present year, and July first of the preceding year.

Confirmed. I want to show in my annual report the reduction in force at your mint.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram. — Order by telegraph for immediate delivery, a new press for minor coins, to be paid for from your contingent appropriation. If it is satisfactory order two more.

Confirmed. Strain every point to catch up with the orders for minor coins. Work force as far as necessary to accomplish this.
Letter by mail.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram. — What were the reasons for the removal of John W. Joyce?

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 22, 1890.

Telegram. A. J. Weil & Co.,
36, Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer declined.
 E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: —

Confirmed. I. & S. Hornsby,
New York.

Confirmed. Clark, Dodge & Co.,
57, Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed. Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed. August Belmont & Co.,
New York.

Similar, except as follows, sent to: —

Confirmed. Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,
New York.
 — + offers + .

October 22, 1890.

Telegram. Selby Smelting & Lead Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. — Your offer accepted.
 E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

October 23, 1890.

Hirst Auditor,Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the bullion accounts of the late Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mont., for the months of July & August, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech.

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address:—

— + + + + + + +
+ the Assayer in Charge + + +
+ + for the Month ending Sept., 30th,
1890, + + + + + + +.

— + + + + + + the
Ordinary Refinery & Silver Bullion & Stand.
Silver Dollar accounts, of the Superinten-
dent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.,
+ + + + + + + +
+ + + + + + +.

October 23, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & Silver Bullion & Standard Silver Dollar accounts for the Month ending September 30, 1890, with my approval.

(Over.)

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, sent to the following:—

S. Braden, Esq.,

Late Assayer in Charge,

Helena, Mont.

— + + + + + +
+ + + + + + your bullion
accounts for the months of July + August, 1890,
+ + +.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

— + + + + + +
+ + your bullion accounts for the
month ending Sept., 30th., 1890, + + +.

October 23, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office, at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at St. Louis.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

October 23, 1890.

Messrs Kisslage, Colgate & Co.,
#29, Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia reports that you have delivered an excess of 2,000 ounces on sale of 50,000, on the 20th, instant at \$1.0965, and I have instructed him to apply it on your sale of yesterday. It is very desirable that sellers of silver should confine their deliveries as closely to the amount sold as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to request that you will deposit

without delay the sum of \$174.11 on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars at your Mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, and forward certificate of deposit to this Bureau. The deposit of this amount is necessary owing to an error \$173.22 in the amount reimbursed from the silver profit-fund for loss on sale of sweeps in January last, and 89 cents overpaid the express company and refunded.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. — Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and eight cents.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following:—

Confirmed. Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed. Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Similar ^{letter} except as follows, sent to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Letter.

— + Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver at your Mint, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces will be \$1.08 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 23, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— Telegraph at close of business to-day
 amount ^{and} cost of local purchases in October.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to: —

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

October 23, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— Apply surplus silver delivered by
 Vesslage, Colgate & Co., on sale of yesterday.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Chief, Bureau of Statistics
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I beg to direct your attention to the fact that since the commencement of the present calendar year you have reported to this bureau among the imports ^{and} exports of gold ^{and} silver large quantities of ore exported at the port of Baltimore which are classified as silver ores, with a note "gold and silver bearing ores".

Upon inquiry I find that these ores are the product of the Anaconda Mining Co., and consist of copper ^{and} argentiferous matte, carrying about 50 per cent of metallic copper and from 30 to 40 ounces of silver to the ton of

matte, and a small quantity of gold averaging, say $\frac{1}{10}$ of an ounce.

Heretofore it has not been the practice to class this description of ores as "gold and silver bearing ores" as the value of the copper is very much greater than the value of the silver and gold contained.

It seems to me that if these ores are to be reported ^{and} included in the statement of exports of gold and silver, only the value of the precious metals contained should be reported, otherwise the statement is misleading.

I beg to inquire whether instructions were issued to the Collector of Customs at Baltimore to include this class of copper matte in statements of exports of the precious metals.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to ascertain ^{my} report on the 30th., inst., so as to reach me on the morning of the 31st., the stock of silver bullion in the Mercantile Safe Deposit Co., and any other stock of bullion which you may be able to locate in that city.

Mr. Handy of the firm of Handy & Harman may be able to assist you in locating some additional stock.

I want to use the figures on the 31st., inst.

Very respectfully, - E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 24, 1890.

The Collector of Customs,
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward the usual statement showing the imports ^{and} exports of United States gold coin during the month of October, at the close of business on the 30th, inst., instead of the last day of the month, in order to enable me to prepare the statistics of the stock of coin in the United States for my annual report which I hope to be able to send to the printer on the last day of this month.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

You will please forward the usual statement showing the deposits of United States coin at the close of business on the 30th, inst., instead of the 31st, in order that I may have the data for making the estimate of the stock of coin in the United States on the last day of this month for my annual report which I hope to send to the printer on that date.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letter sent to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

October 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: -

Handy & Harman, - 200,000 Ounces, at \$1.0498.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary & Refinery Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month ending September 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the prop-

er accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Ordinary ^{and} Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending September 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 24, 1890.

The Orr & Hoss Machine Company,
#1518, Spring Garden Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your account for the two cutting presses shipped to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans on the 20th, instant, has been forwarded to the Superintendent of that institution with instructions to remit you a draft on New York for the amount (\$2,000), upon receipt of the presses.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find \$4.91 for which I will thank you to forward by return mail one silver ^{and} minor coin proof set for the year 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to obtain from the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company, a statement of the amount of Silver held by them at the close of business on the 30th, ultimo ^{and} the amount of certificates outstanding against the same.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred ^{and} Twenty-three $\frac{11}{100}$ Dollars (\$50,723.11), in Gold Coin, ^{and} Six Hundred ^{and} Seventy-six $\frac{29}{100}$ Dollars (\$676.29), in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-one Thousand, Three Hundred ^{and} Ninety-nine $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars (\$51,399.40), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 8, dated Oct., 20, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letter, except as follows, to same address:—

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+ + of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to
that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum
of Thirty-seven Thousand Two Hundred $\frac{52}{100}$ Forty-
four $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars (\$37,244.52), in Gold Coin, $\frac{66}{100}$
Four Hundred $\frac{66}{100}$ Ten $\frac{66}{100}$ Dollars (\$410.66), in Sil-
ver Coin, making a total of Thirty-seven Thous-
and Six Hundred $\frac{18}{100}$ Fifty-five $\frac{18}{100}$ Dollars -
(\$37,655.18) + + + + +

+ + + of the United States Assay Of-
fice at Helena, as shown by Memorandum
No. 5, dated Oct., 21, 1890, + + + + +

October 24, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 5, dated
Oct., 21, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded
by you to the United States Mint at Phil-
adelphia, Shipment No. 5, dated Oct., 14,
1890, has been received $\frac{2}{3}$ and examined at this
Bureau, $\frac{2}{3}$ the gross value found to be
\$37,747.31; Charges \$92.13, $\frac{2}{3}$ net value
\$37,655.18. For the latter amount a
transfer has been requested from the bull-
ion fund of your Institution to that
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, addressed to:-

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

Sir - + + No. 8, dated Oct., 20,
1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded + + +
+ + + at Philadelphia, Shipment

No. 8, dated Oct., 15, 1890, has been received ^{and}
 + + + + by the gross value
 found to be \$51,529.61; charges \$130.21, ^{and}
 net value \$51,399.40. For the latter amount
 + + + + +
 + + + + +

October 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Please forward Steamer Voucher for
 shipment of \$10,000. to Key West, Fla., June
 16th., 1890.

Vouchers for shipments from Tampa
 to Key West by water, must accompany Express
 bills.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

October 24, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

As instructed in your letter of Septem-
 ber 4th., I have the honor to transmit here-
 with the usual statement showing the
 amount of gold ^{and} silver coin ^{and} bull-
 ion; gold, silver ^{and} currency certificates; Uni-
 ted States, National Bank ^{and} state bank notes
 in the United States, ^{and} the distribution there-
 of at the close of the fiscal year ended
 June 30, 1890, for insertion in Table 1, of
 your annual report.

Very respectfully, — E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Am. B. Dana & Co.,#102, William Street,New York.

Telegram.

— Purchased two hundred thousand ounces to day at one dollar, four ^{and} ninety-eight hundredths cents.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Three million placed to your credit at New York by wire.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— Suspend local purchases immediately. Report by mail exact purchases and cost of locals ^{and} partings this month.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Suspend immediately local purchases of silver until first proximo. Report by telegraph to-day exact purchases and cost of locals ^{and} partings this month.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Telegrams similar to the foregoing sent to the following:—

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

October 24, 1890.

Wandy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following:—

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,

Confirmed.

#29, Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed.

I. & S. Hornser,
New York.

Similar, except as follows sent to the following:—

J. & H. Seligman & Co.,

Confirmed.

New York.

— + offers + .

Confirmed.

Grimmerman & Forshay,
#11, Wall Street,
New York.

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Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
#20, Nassau Street,
New York.

October 24, 1890.

William F. Grinnell, Esq.,

U. S. Consul,

Manchester, England.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 14th, inst., addressed to Hon. Geo. S. Batcheller, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, I send you herewith a half-dozen copies of the silver bill passed at the recent session of Congress.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th, inst., I would say for your information, that overtime, or extra compensation for Sundays, will not be allowed persons performing clerical duties solely, whether their compensation is fixed by the year or the day.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

October 25, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my telegram sent you to-day relative to difference in value of the deposits and purchases made at your Mint during the past fiscal year I would state that your letter of August 26th, 1890, reports —

Gold, — \$3,684,491.01,

Silver, — 13,488,701.66;

while your annual statement of deposits and purchases, form #60, reports —

Gold, — 236,546.158 st. ozs.,

Silver, — 15,320,927.01 " "

— calculated at coining rate would be —

Gold, — \$4,400,858.75;

Silver, — \$17,827,987.46.

Please explain the cause of this discrepancy and forward a statement showing the correct figures.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City, for the month ending September 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

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Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:

— + + + + the Ordinary
Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts of
the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Car-
son, Nev. + + + + +
+ + + + +

October 25, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined & referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination & settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar accounts for the month ending September 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, sent to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

— + + + +
+ + your Ordinary & Refinery
expense accounts + + + + +
+ + + + +

October 25, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account, receipted

in duplicate, of the Orr & Hess Machine Company for two cutting presses, amounting to \$2,000. Upon receipt of these presses, you will forward them a draft on New York for the amount. To enable you to make payment in this manner, an advance of \$2,000. will be made you ^{and} placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, Acct., of February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Telegram.

— Prepare ^{and} forward to-day a brief argument in favor of legislation looking to the use of the proceeds from sale of by-products for offsetting expenses of Refinery. State plainly the nature of the by-products ^{and} how they result from refinery operations.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 25, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— Value of deposits ^{and} purchases reported in letter August twenty-sixth do not agree with coinage value of figures on annual statement number sixty. Explain by telegraph.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 25, 1890.

The Collector of Customs,
Baltimore, Md.

Telegram.

— I am awaiting reply to my letter of twenty-first inst., relative to the exportation of copper matte at your port, entered as gold ^{and} silver ores.

This information is necessary in order to present in the Secretary's report a correct statement of the precious metals from the United States.

Please see that it is forwarded to-day.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

October 25, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— It appears that you purchased one hundred ^{and} seventy thousand ounces of silver in local purchases yesterday. This seems to be an evasion of the regulations. Banks should not be allowed to divide up large lots into lots of less than ten thousand ounces.

The regulations for local purchases were intended for small depositors, ^{and} not as a loophole for an evasion of the regulations.

Explain by mail why you allowed this large amount of silver to be received in local purchases in one day.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

October 26, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Until further notice you will pay for

silver contained in gold deposits at the rate
of 95 cents per standard ounce.

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1890.

Superintendent, Assay Office,
New York.

Telegram.

— Pay for silver contained in gold de-
posits at the rate of ninety-five cents per
Confirmed. standard ounce.

E. O. Leech,
Director Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: —

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Assayer, Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

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Confirmed.

Assayer, Mint,
Denver, Colo.

October 25, 1890.

Telegram.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— Notify Sellers of silver that no further purchases will be made until November third.

E. O. Leech.

Director, Mint.

October 27, 1890.

Telegram.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— Ascertain from the Collector of the Port ^{and} banks, whether the shipment of silver to China, Japan ^{and} the Straits from San Francisco has fallen off since first of May of this year, ^{and} about what the movement of silver since May is as compared with corresponding period of last year. — Answer by wire.

E. O. Leech.

Director, Mint.

October 27, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th., instant enclosing one from your Melter ^{and} Refiner in relation to the expense attending the refining of base bullion at your Mint during the last year ^{and} suggesting the erection of a cupel furnace for the more economical reduction of this class of bull-

ion, I have to say that you are authorized to purchase or erect, such a furnace as may be necessary at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$416-00 ^{and} to pay for same from the appropriation for Parting ^{and} Refining Bullion.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 27, 1890.

W. L. Baggett, Esq.
*416, Montgomery St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your communication of the 21st, inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to deposits of Bullion at the mint at Carson, has been referred to the Superintendent of the mint in that city, with the following endorsement: —

"Respectfully referred to the Superintendent of the mint at Carson city who is hereby instructed to furnish the Mining Stock Association with any information which the books or records of the mint will disclose relative to the names of persons making deposits or sales of bullion, ^{and} the mines or localities where produced."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find a five-cent nickel piece being the balance due you for proof set forwarded by you on the 25th, instant.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar accounts for the month of September, with my approval except voucher #53, bill of A. Baldwin & Co., for Hardware, in which an error of \$1.00 occurs. Note the six items commencing with "2 kegs of steel nails" and ending with "1 Doz. Perforated Chair Seats", purchased July 22nd, the footing of which should be \$8.44, instead of \$9.44 as carried out. The difference will be disallowed and must be taken up in your next account current.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

October 27, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st., inst., I have to say that the appropriation for the "Coining of Silver Bullion" contained in the Act of July 14, 1890, will take the place of the appropriation contained in the Act for the "Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar" when the bullion on hand August 12th, 1890, has been coined.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

October 27, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending September 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. Note certificate on abstract referring to error of \$1.00 in voucher #53.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows:—

\$20,000. with Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York ^{and}
5,000. with Commercial National Bank at Charlotte,
 N. C.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:—

— + + + + +
 United States Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.), by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, by wire.

October 27, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.), Gold Coin ^{and} that the same be placed to your cred-

it with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, by wire.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, addressed to: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Charlotte, N. C.

+ + by a transfer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.) and that \$20,000. of this sum be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and \$5,000. with the Commercial National Bank of Charlotte.

October 27, 1890.

The Editor,

The Mining & Engineering Journal,
27, Park Place, New York.

Dear Sir:

I notice that on page 473 of the Engineering & Mining Journal of October 25, that you printed my letter in answer to the complaining stockholders of the Comstock but I fail to find it in the publication.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,

Helena, Mont.

Sir:

C. D. No. 341, for \$84.68, being on account of Melting, Assaying & Stamping Charges included in your communication of the

21st, inst., has been received, properly indorsed ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 28, 1890.

Messrs Wm. B. Dana & Co.,
102, William Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 27th, instant you are informed that the department purchases of silver in October were 3,820,000 ounces ^{and} the local purchases by the mints 892,144 ounces making the total purchases for the month 4,712,144 ounces. There will be no further purchases during the current month. The report of the local purchases is received from the mints only once a week that is at the close of business every Saturday, (generally reaches the Bureau Monday A. M.), unless especially called for. You will hereafter be advised on Friday of the total purchases by the department for the month to date including locals so far as reported.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 28, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

As requested in your telegram of yesterday leave of absence on the 30th., ^{and} 31st., is hereby granted you ^{and} the designation of your clerk George P. Rex, to act in your stead is also approved.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

October 28, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont., for the month ending September 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, addressed to same:—

— + + + + +
 + + + of the Assayer in Charge
 of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., + +
 + + + + + + + + +.

October 28, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir: — I have examined ^{and} referred to

the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the Month ending September 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter addressed to the following: —
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

October 28, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the fact that the memorandum of the Mint at Philadelphia of your Shipment No. 127 of October 22, 1890, shows a loss of \$52.19.

I have thought best to withhold a request for the transfer of the value as found by the Philadelphia Mint until you have had an opportunity to furnish an explanation of the loss on this Shipment.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 28, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 126, dated Oct. 25, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 126, dated Oct. 22, 1890, has

been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $\$10,035\frac{83}{100}$, charges $\$825\frac{48}{100}$, and net value $\$11,005\frac{78}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

October 28, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$10,880.92$) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Twenty-five $\frac{76}{100}$ Dollars ($\$125.76$), in Silver Coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand and Five $\frac{78}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$11,005.78$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 126, dated Oct. 25, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

October 28, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: - C. D. No. 7806, for $\$157,000.00$, being

on account of Minor Coinage Profits, inclosed in your communication of the 24th., inst., has been received, properly indorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on Minor Coinage.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 28, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Telegram.

— Leave of absence is granted ^{and} your designation of George P. Rex is approved.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 28, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Telegram.

— Please ascertain ^{and} telegraph this morning the stock of silver in the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company.

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Please forward at your earliest convenience your Statement of Earnings ^{and} Expenditures for the quarter ending September 30,

1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 29, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending Sept., 30th., 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 29, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., for the quarter ending Sept., 30th., 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:—

+ + + + +
the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise, Charlotte & St. Louis, for the month ending September 30th., 1890, + + + + +.

October 29, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined ^{my} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{my} settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending September 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Reech,

Director.

Similar letters addressed to the following: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Similar, except as follows, addressed to: -

+ + + + +
 + + + your bullion accounts
 for the quarter ending September 30, 1890,
 + + +

Assayer,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

October 29, 1890.

Thomas Jordan, Esq.,
Editor, Financial & Mining Record,
#61, Broadway, New York.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago you wrote me as to where I got authority for the statement that there had been an increase in the paper money of India, ^{and} I told you that I got the information from Mr. Horton. I find, however, that in the London Economist of September 27th., the statement is made that

in the London Economist of September 27th., the statement is made that a bill passed the Indian Council on the 28th., of August authorizing the Government to increase by 20,000,000 rupees its issue of notes.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— Forward gold life saving medals ordered the twenty-second instant as early as possible.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

If possible I would like you to finish your deliveries of coinage for the current month at close of business to-morrow, Thursday, and send a statement to reach us Friday morning, showing the coinage of your mint for the current month.

I need this in order to complete the figures for my annual report which I desire to send to the printer on Friday.

If it is not entirely practicable to do so please telegraph in the morning. I would like to have it done if possible.

The important things will be to get out the quota of Silver Dollars. If you

can do that to-morrow it is unimportant whether the other deliveries go in this month or next.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— If practicable to do so finish deliveries of coinage for current month by close of business to-morrow ^{and} report by telegraph to-morrow evening the coinage of the month, so that I may use the figures in my annual report which will go to the printer Friday.

Report by telegraph at close of business Friday the exact amount ^{and} cost of silver bullion on hand purchased under act of eighteen seventy-eight. Forward statement showing coinage of silver dollars under that act from August thirteen to date ^{and} amount consumed in coinage ^{and} its cost.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following:—

Superintendent, Mint, U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

October 30, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find bills for subscription to newspapers furnished your office, recently forwarded by you for payment.

Before these bills can be paid your approval, or that of your predecessor, upon the face of each is necessary, and their receipt at your office for the time charged must also be certified.

I will thank you to cause your records to be examined to ascertain whether, or not, either of the long standing bills has been paid for a portion of the time charged.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
 Director.

October 30, 1890.

Henry Froemmer, Esq.,
*710, Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me the lowest price at which you will furnish the Mint at New Orleans with six (6) improved adjusting balances.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination ^{my} Settlement, an account of the Union Pacific (Mainline) Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of October, 1889, from Ogden, Utah to Omaha, Neb., of one box of glassware, amounting to \$1.30, consigned by you to Simer & Amend, New York, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1890.
 Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter, except as follows, addressed to: -
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

+ + + + + from Council Bluffs, Ia., to Granger, Wyo., of Mint supplies amounting to \$22.60, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for wages ^{and} contingent expenses of your office, fiscal year 1890. Duplicate B/L herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 30, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th, inst., relative to an assortment of gold coins of this year's coinage, I would say that an examination of the records of the Treasurer's office shows that there have been no transfers drawn on you for gold coin of this year's coinage.

When the coinage of gold pieces will not interfere with the coinage of minor coin, - dimes ^{and} quarter-dollars - for which there is a pressing demand, you are authorized to coin an assortment of gold coin of the denominations now authorized by law viz: - double-eagle, eagle, half-eagle ^{and} quarter-eagle; but this coinage should not be allowed in any way to interfere with the minor coinage or the subsidiary silver coinage.

Ship none specifically of 1890 on Treasurer's orders.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Reech,
 Director.

October 31, 1890.
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Owing to my absence from the City ^{and} the fact that since my return I have been busily engaged in the preparation of my annual report, I have not been able to give any attention to the matters contained in your communication of the 7th, inst., Rel-

ative to certain improvements in the plant of your institution.

I am of the opinion that the introduction of a tilting gas furnace would be a decided improvement, ^{and} I would suggest that if one can be constructed ^{and} erected at a cost of not over \$500. or \$600. that it be introduced.

I would suggest that you obtain estimates for the same.

I am disposed to do everything in my power to facilitate the business of the assay department (as well as the melting) ^{and} as the assayer is of the opinion that all the machinery of his department should be run by motors to be connected with a dynamo other than the one now used for lighting the building, I would suggest that you obtain estimates ^{and} submit a proposition for the introduction of an electric motor, say not to exceed ten horse-power.

I approve of the introduction of gas furnaces for melting purposes ^{and} hope that in a brief period you will be able to replace all your present melting furnaces ^{and} do away with the use of coal ^{and} coke for melting purposes.

I am of the opinion that the Government should have the very best machinery ^{and} apparatus for performing the delicate ^{and} responsible operations on the precious metals, ^{and} that true economy consists in obtaining the most approved plant ^{and} apparatus for such work.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 31, 1890.

Edward Brush, Esq.,
Secretary, Consolidated Kansas City,
Smelting and Refining Co.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of yesterday I would say that the figures which I use in regard to the Imports and Exports of Silver between May 1st, and September 30th., of this year embrace the total Exports of silver bullion and silver coin and the total Imports of silver bullion, silver coin and silver ores as taken from monthly statements furnished this Bureau by the Bureau of Statistics.

There was a large export of copper matte and argentiferous matte from the Port of Baltimore since the 1st, of January which is reported to the Bureau of Statistics as exports of gold and silver ores.

I have ascertained that this matte is the product of the Anaconda mine and is shipped by the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co., and contains about 60 per cent. of metallic copper and from 30 to 40 ounces silver and a little gold to the metallic ton. I believe it is shipped to Swansea for reduction.

This is improperly classified by the Bureau of Statistics as silver ores. the bulks in value as well as quantity being copper. As the figures furnished by the Bureau of Statistics included the value of the copper I did not include this item in the exports of silver, otherwise the figures which I

gave are the exact official figures.

I would say that the monthly statements of Imports ^{and} Exports are published by the Bureau of Statistics ^{and} if you will address them a communication I have no doubt they will send you their monthly ^{and} quarterly statements, at least the quarterly ones ^{and} the monthly ones if printed for distribution.

In regard to furnishing you with the amount of silver purchased in local purchases at the Mints, I would say that they are reported by telegraph every Saturday night to this Bureau from each Mint ^{and} I have decided that hereafter I will give them to the Press with the purchases of Monday so that the public may know how much silver we have acquired from local purchases. The local purchases last month were unusually large ^{and} during the last few days they ran in a large quantity of silver at San Francisco, so that I exceeded the purchases authorized by law, some 211,000 ounces, but it is impossible to limit the amount strictly to 4,500,000 ounces. This is the first time it has happened ^{and} I shall take steps to prevent it in the future.

It will afford me pleasure to furnish your Company at any time, with any information in the possession of the Bureau bearing upon silver.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-four Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-eight $\frac{27}{100}$ Dollars (\$24,198.07), in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Fifty-three $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars (\$253.67), in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-four Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-one $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars (\$24,451.74), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 6, dated Oct. 28, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

October 31, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 6, dated Oct. 28, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 6, dated Oct. 20, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$24,512 $\frac{95}{100}$; charges \$61 $\frac{21}{100}$, and net value \$24,451 $\frac{74}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your

Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

C. D. No. 66, for \$174.11, being on account of Profits on coinage of Silver Dollars, Act, 1878, inclosed in your communication of the 27th, inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on coinage of Standard Silver Dollars.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

October 31, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Co.,) Railway Co., for the transportation in the Months of Sept., Oct., & Nov., 1889, from San Francisco, Cal., to Reno, Nev., and return of Mint supplies, amounting to \$364.23, consigned to your care,

payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, 1890, \$51.97, and from Parting and Refining bullion \$312.26. Duplicate Bk. herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, addressed to the following:

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

— + + + + +
+ + an account of the Union Pacific
(Main line) + + + for the trans-
portation in the Month of November 1889, from
Council Bluffs to Granger, Wyo., Mint supplies
amounting to \$1.27, + + + + +
for Contingent expenses of your Office, fiscal
year, 1890. Duplicate Bk. herewith.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— + + + + +
two accounts of the Union Pacific (Main line)
+ + + + + November, 1889,
from Council Bluffs & Rock Springs to Ogden, Utah,
of Mint supplies amounting to \$61.66, + +
+ + + + + Contingent Expenses
of your Mint, fiscal year, 1890.
Duplicate bills of lading herewith.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + +
an account of the Union Pacific (Main line)
+ + + + + April, 1890,
from Council Bluffs to Ogden, Utah, Sta-

tionery supplies amounting to \$10.16. + + +
+ + + + + + +

October 31, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,

Telegram.

The coinier's nomination was not forwarded in case of Ward but his appointment will be approved to take effect from date of oath as soon as Coinier's nomination reaches me.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

October 31, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of September, 1890, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

October 31, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram.

— Your telegram of the thirtieth to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in reference to thirty-two bars of silver not understood. Please explain.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

October 31, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: — Until further notice you will pay for silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at the rate of \$4.06 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

October 31, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Until further notice, pay for local purchases of silver one hundred ^{and} six cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: —

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

November 1, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram.

— How much silver did you receive on the last transfer from Philadelphia. Give Standard Ounces by telegram, also how many bars?

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 1, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— New Orleans Mint telegraphs that orders covering the transfer of silver shipped from your Mint did not embrace thirty-two bars containing twenty-eight thousand two hundred & thirty-one, decimal forty-four Standard Ounces of silver.

Confirmed.

The last transfer of silver from your Mint called for eight-sixty-eight thousand three hundred ^{and} eighty dollars sixty-eight cents, payable in nine twenty-four thousand three hundred ^{and} nine, decimal nineteen Ounces of Standard Silver. It would seem as if you had shipped thirty-two bars more than the transfer order covered. Look the matter up fully ^{and} reply by mail to-day.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 1, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Telegram.

— Coin in November into silver dollars, all bullion purchased under Act

Confirmed. of - seventy-eight ^{and} as many as practicable from eighteen ninety bullion, without overtime.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

November 1, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Coin up - seventy-eight bullion into silver dollars ^{and} four hundred thousand from eighteen ninety bullion, without working overtime in November.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

November 1, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination ^{and} settlement, an account of the Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Co.,) Railway Co., for the transportation in the months of October & November 1889, from Ogden, Utah, in Reno, Nev., & return, of Mint supplies, amounting to \$40.25, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1890.

Duplicate bills of lading herewith.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the same address:—

+ + + in the month of December, 1889^{and}
 January, 1890, from San Francisco + return to
 Reno, Nev., + + + amounting to \$351.27,
 + + +
 \$432^{and} from Parting + Refining Bullion \$343.95.
 + + +

+ + + in the month of De-
 cember, 1889, from Ogden, Utah, to Reno,
 Nev., of two car loads coal amounting to
 \$144.50, + + +
 + + +

Duplicate BpL., herewith.

Similar, except as follows addressed to:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

+ + + in the months of Janu-
 ary + February, 1890, from San Francisco,
 to Ogden, Utah, + + + amounting
 to \$1.60, + + +
 from the appropriation for wages + con-
 tingent expenses of your Office, fiscal
 year 1890. + + +

November 1, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the
 Bullion Fund of the United States Mint
 at New Orleans, be increased in the sum
 of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.),
 by a transfer of that amount in Treas-

very notes, and that the same amount be shipped the Superintendent of said institution in notes of small denomination.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 1, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.), and that the same be shipped you in Treasury notes of small denomination.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 1, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts, with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for the quarter ending Sept., 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 1, 1890.

The Chief, Bureau of Statistics,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th, inst., I would say that I do not think that that copper matte carrying 60 per cent. of metallic copper ^{and} 30 ounces of silver to the ton of matte should be classed in the exports as "silver ores," but should be classed, as they always have been heretofore, as exports of copper matte. But the Collector should require, for statistical purposes, a statement of the precious metals contained in such ores.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 1, 1890.

Henry C. Baird, Esq.,
#810, Walnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 31st, ultimo, I would say that the Spanish Milled dollar was, according to my understanding, demonetized by the decree of the Chancellor of the Exchequer of Spain, of October 19, 1868.

You will find the translation of the decree in the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1874, pages 56-59.

After prescribing the new coins of the system of the Latin Union, - Article 8 says: -

November 1, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find bills in duplicate, of the Inter Mountain Publishing Company for subscription to the "Inter Mountain" from June 30, 1888 to Sept. 30, 1890, - 2 years ^{and} 3 months. The records of this Bureau show that on July 30th, last, a bill of \$8.00 for subscription to this paper for two years, from July 1st., 1888, to June 30, 1890, was approved ^{and} referred for payment ^{and} a draft for that amount was forwarded to the Company on the 18th, of August.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the first inst., relative to the shipment of 32 bars to the mint at New Orleans in excess of your balance of silver purchased under the act of February 28, 1878, I must confess that I am astonished that an error of this kind could happen without being discovered; - that the stock of silver could be 32 bars short ^{and} no one in the Mint seem to know it.

A transfer order will be drawn covering the shipment referred to ^{and} charged against the purchases under the Act of 1890, but I think whoever was guilty of this gross piece

of negligence should receive a severe reprimand.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 3, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, and that the same amount be shipped the Superintendent of said institution in notes of small denomination.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address.

+ + + + +
+ of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Merchants National Bank at Helena.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to that of the Mint at New Orleans, of the sum of Twenty-nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty-four ^{and} $\frac{76}{100}$ Dollars (\$29,854.76), payable in 28,231.44 ounces standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred ^{and} Eighty-six $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars (\$17,586.62), in Gold Coin ^{and} Three Hundred ^{and} Thirteen $\frac{78}{100}$ Dollars (\$313.78), in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred ^{and} $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars — (\$17,900.40), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 127, dated Oct., 25, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

November 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$4,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of your Mint, of the sum of \$29,854.76, payable in 28,231.47 ounces of standard silver bullion. You will treat this bullion in your accounts as a part of the bullion received for coinage under the act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + +

+ + of your Mint to that of the Mint
 at New Orleans + + + +

You will treat this as a transfee of

+ Amount same
 as stated
 above —

bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890.

November 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) and that the same be shipped you in Treasury notes of small denomination.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

+ + + + +
by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Merchant's National Bank at Helena.

November 3, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Co., for the transportation in the month of June 1889, from Chicago to St. Paul of Mint supplies, amounting to \$2.68, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Assay

Office Helena, fiscal year 1889. Duplicate
 bill ^{3d} Bp. herewith.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the same address:—

— + + + + +
 + + in the month of July, 1889, from
 Chicago to St. Paul of Stationery Supplies, amount-
 ing to \$301., + + +
 + + + fiscal year 1890.
 + + + + +

— + + + + +
 + + in the month of November,
 1889, from Chicago to Council Bluffs, of
 Mint Supplies, amounting to .39¢, +
 + + + + +
 + + + + +

Similar, except as follows, to the following:—
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— + + + + +
 + + in the month of August,
 1889, from Chicago to Council Bluffs of
 one box of drugs, amounting to \$0.17, +
 + + + + of your Mint
 + + + + +

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— + + + + +
 of the Louisville & Nashville Railway Co.,
 for the transportation in the month of Feb-
 ruary, 1890, from Pittsburgh to New Orleans
 of Mint machinery, amounting to \$1.65, +

+ + + + + + +
 Same address: —

+ + + + +
 + + in the Month of April +
 + + + + +
 amounting to \$1.65, + + + +
 + + + + +

+ + + + +
 + + + in the Month of June, +
 + + + + + amounting ^{to} \$1.20
 + + + + +
 + + + + +

November 3, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

C. D. No., 1828, for \$237.42, being
 on account of Melting, Assaying & Stamp-
 ing Chgs., quarter ending Sept., 30, inclosed
 in your communication of the 29th, ult.,
 has been received, properly indorsed and for-
 warded to the Secretary of the Treasury,
 personal credit to be given you in
 your bullion accounts, and the amount
 to be covered into the Treasury as a
 miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address: —

+ + + + +
 — C. D. No., 1829, for \$27.95, being
 on account of Gain on bullion transferred
 Mint, gr. ending Sept. 30, + + +
 + + + + +
 (Over) —

— C. D. No. 1830, for \$51.67, being on account of Deposit Melting Room Gains, gr. ending Sept. 30, 1890, + + + + + + + +.

November 3, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit-Memorandum No. 127, dated Oct., 26, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 127, dated Oct., 22, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$17,961.58; charges \$51.18, and net value \$17,900.40. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. D. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of November, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$2,600, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current year, viz:—

Salaries,	1891,	<u>\$1,000.</u>
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	<u>1,300.</u>
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>300.</u>

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:-
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+
for the sum of						<u>\$23,000.</u>
+	+	+	+	+	+	viz:-
Salaries,			1891,			<u>\$2,500.</u>
Wages of Workmen,			1891,			<u>16,500.</u>
Contingent Expenses,			1891,			<u>4,000.</u>

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+
for the sum of						<u>\$424.10,</u>
+	+	+	Office	+	+	viz:-
Salaries,			1891,			<u>\$224.10</u>
Wages of Workmen ^{2/4}			1891,			<u>500.00</u>
Contingent Expenses,			1891,			

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+
for the sum of						<u>\$485.40,</u>
+	+	+	your Office	+	+	viz:-
Salaries,			1891,			<u>\$285.40</u>
Wages of Workmen ^{2/4}			1891,			<u>200.00.</u>
Contingent Expenses,			1891,			

November 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of to-day

I would state that the "Register of Deposits" is still in the hands of the Printer. It will probably reach your Mint the latter part of this week.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1890.

H. Groemmer, Esq.,
#410, Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your offer to manufacture for the U. S. Mint at New Orleans six (6) adjusting balances of the new Westermeyer patent of the most improved pattern at \$48.50 each, is accepted. You will manufacture ^{and} forward the balances as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will please cause 1,000,000 silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month; 500,000 from the balance of bullion purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878 ^{and} a like amount from bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890. Should you not have bullion enough to complete the coinage of the last amount, you will notify this bureau on the 15th, instant by telegram,

when a transfer will be made from the Philadelphia Mint. The first \$500,000. coined, you will treat ^{my} report as coinage under the Act of February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You were instructed on the 1st., instant by telegram to coin during the current month into silver dollars, the balance of bullion on hand purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878, ^{and} as many as practicable from the bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890.

I have now to inform you that it will be necessary that you should coin 80,000 silver dollars from bullion purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be coined during the current month one million, six hundred thousand (1,600,000) silver dollars.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

Consolidated Kansas City				
Smelting & Refining Co.,	50,000	Ounces at	\$1.067.	
Clark, Dodge & Co.,	200,000	" "	1.0665.	
Handy & Harman,	50,000	" "	1.0655.	
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,	50,000	" "	1.0665.	

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech.

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

— + + + + +
 + + + + + —

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company, 125,000 Ounces, at \$1.067.

November 3, 1890.

National Bank of the Republic,
New York.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: —

Telegram.

Confirmed.

Confirmed.

J. & H. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

J. & S. Wormser,
New York.

Confirmed.

Zimmerman & Forshay,
#11, Wall Street,
New York.

Similar except as follows, to:
Heidelbach, Eckelheimer & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

— + offers + .

November 3, 1890.

Telegram.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —
Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
#20, Nassau Street,
New York.

Confirmed.

Confirmed.

Selby Smelting & Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Similar except as follows, to: —
Clark, Dodge & Co.,
#51, Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed.

— + + + for Philadelphia.

November 3, 1890.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
#29, Wall Street,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer of fifty thousand ounces silver at one dollar six ^{and} sixty-five hundredths cents accepted. Other declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to:—

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Confirmed.

— + + + +
 at one dollar six ^{and} sixty-five hundredths cents accepted. Others declined.

November 3, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Receive forty thousand ounces fine silver from Selby Smelting ^{and} Lead Company at one dollar six ^{and} four tenths cents per ounce.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 4, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination ^{and} settlement, an account of the Northern Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation in the month of December,

1889, from Garrison to Helena, Mont., of Mint
supplies, amounting to 39¢, consigned to your
care, payable from the appropriation for Con-
tingent Expenses of your Office, fiscal year
1890; - Duplicate bill ^{by} Bpl. herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address: -

— + + + +
+ + + + + in
the Month of February, 1890, + + +
+ + + amounting to 25¢,
+ + + + +.

— + + + +
+ + + + + in
the Month of March, 1890, + + +
+ + + amounting to \$1.28, +
+ + + + +.

November 4, 1890.

Nevada Bank,

San Francisco, Cal.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 4, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It will be necessary for you to coin
during the current month \$200,000 in dimes.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 4, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The original bill of A. Baldwin & Co., (part of voucher #53 of your Ordinary Expense Account for September) has been referred to the First Comptroller for file with the account, with the request that the disallowance of \$1.00 be discontinued. In this connection your attention is called to the importance of having all bills closely examined before filing them as vouchers.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 4, 1890.

S. Guthrie, Esq.,
Attorney Union Pacific R. R. Co.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The following described bills of the Union Pacific railroad for transportation service rendered, have been approved ^{and} referred to the accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement:—

	Supplies to Mint at Carson in October, 1889, —	\$1.00
"	" U. S. Assay Office at Boise "	1889, —22.60
2 Bills	" Mint at Carson November, 1889, —	61.65
"	" Assay Office at Helena "	1889, —1.27
"	" Mint at San Francisco, April, 1890, —	10.16

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

General George B. Williams,
Attorney, Southern Pacific Co.,
Washington, D.C.

— + + + + Central
 Pacific railroad, + + + + +
 + + + + +

Supplies to Mint at Carson in September,
 October³ & November, 1889. — \$364.23
 Supplies to same Mint in October & November, — 70.25
 " " " " December, 1889³ & to
 the Assay Office at Boise in Jan'y & Feb'y, 1890, — 146.50
 Supplies to Carson in December 1889 & Jan'y, 1890, 351.27

Respectfully yours,
 November 4, 1890.
Hon. William Windom, Director.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont., be increased in the sum of Fifty thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Merchants' National Bank of Helena, Mont.

Respectfully yours,
 E. C. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 4, 1890.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.,

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer

of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), and that
the same be placed to your credit with the Mer-
chants' National Bank of Helena, Mont.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 4, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram.

— Telegraph cost of uncoined bullion-
purchased under new Act on hand at
close of business thirty-first ultimo.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

November 4, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— Forward by mail to-day a state-
ment showing cost value of all the silver
bullion on hand at your institution at close
of business thirty-first ultimo, including trade
dollar bullion.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

November 5, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the
proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for

examination ^{my} settlement, an account of the Baltimore ^{my} Ohio Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of October, 1889, from Philadelphia to Chicago of Mint Supplies, amounting to 598, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Office, fiscal year 1890. Duplicate bill ^{my} bill of lading herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address:

— + + + +
an account of the (Star Union Line) Pennsylvania Railway Co., + + + in the Month of January, 1890, from New York to Chicago +
+ + amounting to 38, + +
+ + + + +

— + + + +
an account of the Montana Union Railway Co., + + in the Months of February + March, 1890, from Silver Bow to Garrison, Mont., + + amounting to \$1.45, + + + + +
+ + + + +

— + + + +
an account of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minn. ^{my} Omaha Railway Co., + + + in the Month of March, 1890, from Washington to St. Paul, Minn., + + + amounting to \$2.27, + + +
+ + + + +

— + + + + (Over) —

an account of the Great Northern Railway Co.,
 + + in the Months of March + April
 1890, from St. Paul + Minn Transfer to Hel-
 ena, Mont., + + + amounting to
\$12.53, + + + + +
 + + + + +

+ + + + +
 + + + + + in the
 Month of May, 1890, from St. Paul to Hel-
 ena, Mont., + + amounting to
\$13.38, + + + + +
 + + + + +

+ + + + +
 + + + + + in the
 Month of February, 1890, from St. Paul to
 Helena, Mont., + + + amounting
 to \$2.47, + + + + +
 + + + + +

November 5, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary
 of the Treasury to cause to be advanced
 you the sum of \$300. from the appro-
 priation for Contingent Expenses, Office of
 Director of the Mint 1891, to meet your ex-
 penses in connection with the collection of
 statistics of the production of the precious
 metals for the calendar year 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 5, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$8,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 5, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of November, 1890. has been approved for the sum of \$6,000. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz: —

Salaries,	1891,	<u>\$ 3,200.</u>
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	<u>2,000</u>
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>800</u>

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 5, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

Sir: — I have to acknowledge the re-

ceipt of your Bullion Account with Abstracts
and vouchers for the quarter ending Sept. 30,
1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 5, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the
provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have
been made this day by the Secretary of the
Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the
following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the
amounts respectively named, which you will
receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant
Treasurer at New York, payable in Treas-
ury notes: —

Handy & Harman, 300,000 Ounces, at \$1.0624.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— + + + +

+ + + + +

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, —
40,000 Ounces, at \$1.0638.

November 5, 1890.

Superintendent, Assay Office,
New York.

Telegram.

— Telegraph the cost value of all the

Silver in your institution at close of business on thirty-first ultimo. Send confirmatory statement by mail.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

November 5, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith eight (8) gold Life Saving Medals struck in compliance with your request of the 20th, ultimo. I also enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the medals, riders, cases, mountings ^{and} express charges amounting to Seven Hundred ^{and} Eighty Nine Dollars (\$789.-), for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be forwarded him under cover to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1890.

Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,
New York.

— Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams, to the following: —
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
#29, Wall Street,
New York.

(Over) —

Telegram,

Confirmed.

Confirmed.

Confirmed.

J. & H. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

I. & S. Hornsby,
New York.

Confirmed.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Similar, except as follows, to the following:—

Bank of California,

San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

— + offer +

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
#20, Nassau Street,

Confirmed.

New York.

Confirmed.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,

#51, Wall Street,

New York.

Confirmed.

Grimmerman & Forshay,

#11, Wall Street,

New York.

November 5, 1890.

Telegram.

Wandy & Harman,

#24, Nassau Street,

New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:—

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

November 5, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Enclosed I send you a communication from Mr. Kulston of the Selby Smelting and Lead Company.

If it is the practice at your mint to make advances on crude bullion it is violation of law ^{and} the regulations, ^{and} must be stopped. There is no authority of law for making advances on deposits of gold bullion in any case except on (1) deposits of coin or (2) United States bars or (3) fine gold bars of well known refineries which require to be re-melted or re-assayed.

The advances on fine gold bars of the Selby Smelting and Lead Company during the annual settlement, which did not require to be remelted or re-assayed, were made only by special authority of Secretary of the Treasury, such advances being contrary to the Regulations.

In the case of silver purchases, however, the rule is different because the law is different. The matter of silver purchases is left entirely at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, ^{and} he can authorize such advances as he thinks proper. As a matter of fact he has authorized advances only on fine bars bearing the stamp of a well known smelter or refiner, ^{and} it is not proper to make advances on silver purchases of any other class of bullion.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1890.

A. J. Ralston, Esq.,Pres't, Selby Smelting & Lead Co.,#416, Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th., ultimo, I would say that if it is the practice of the mint at San Francisco to make advances on crude bullion it is in violation of law ^{and} the regulations ^{and} I will have it stopped. There is no authority of law for making advances at Government institutions on any class of gold bullion, but an exception is made in the case of fine gold bars of well known refineries which require to be either remelted or re-assayed, but in no other case, ^{and} the advances on your fine gold bars have been without authority of law but with the sanction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

In regard to the silver purchased by the Government the case is different. Silver is purchased under a law which places the entire matter at the disposal of the Secretary of the Treasury, so that he may make advances on silver bullion if he desires, but has authorized such advances only on bars of well known refiners or assayers.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your Bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1890, also the abstract sheets, form 193 for July, August ^{and} September, form 211 covering the sale of melter ^{and} refiner's sweeps, ^{and} form 207 being the statement of earnings ^{and} expenditures for the quarter.

These accounts ^{and} papers are so full of errors that I hardly know how to cover them all in a letter. The pencil corrections will probably be the best guide, but I will enumerate some of the most glaring. There should be but one "deposit ^{and} purchase" account. No instructions have ever been issued to your mint to open another deposit account. This account is supposed to show in a nutshell the transactions with depositors only, not with the Government. Transfers of Bullion from the Philadelphia mint should not be entered in this account, but be carried directly from the "bullion fund" account to the "silver purchase bullion" account, in the case of silver transfers. As you do not pay for this bullion it cannot enter into your deposit account.

You were not instructed to open a new silver coin account. You will render but one silver coin account as heretofore, but the balances of silver dollars on hand under the two Acts must be kept separately in a "memorandum account" at

your mint. The same remark applies to the "Silver assay coin" account.

The account with "Treasury notes" must show the exact amount paid out for bullion under the Act of 1890. If you have not paid out in Treasury notes for silver purchased the exact value of the silver purchased, by reason of having paid for a portion of the purchases in silver coin, you should immediately have transferred from your account with "Treasury notes" a sufficient amount to cover the deficiency ^{and} used the notes so transferred in ordinary disbursements, the point being that the law requires that all the silver purchased under the Act of 1890 shall be paid for in Treasury notes, so that the payments may exactly equal the net value of the silver purchased.

There should be but one summary of operations. The transfer from the parting ^{and} refining appropriation to pay the loss on gold sweeps erroneously entered as \$26.50 (should be \$26.57) should be credited in your "gold bullion" account ^{and} debited to "gold coin".

Transportation expenses on silver should not be paid in Treasury notes.

I beg to direct your personal attention to the errors on form No. 193, as they not only make the seigniorage wrong for each month but all the balances brought forward from month to month are erroneous. This is a gross piece of carelessness, inexcusable, for the reason that it required but a simple arithmetical calculation to make the values correct, ^{and} as the matter of seigniorage is of great importance the greatest care should be taken to see that

these calculations were correct.

On your abstract sheets returned you will make a summary of the silver purchased under each of the Acts of 1878 ^{and} 1890.

On the statement of earnings ^{and} expenditures the Seigniorage is not correctly entered, nor the loss on sale of sweeps, which by the way, I wish to direct your attention to as another stupid blunder in calculation, utterly inexcusable ^{and} the result of gross carelessness, ^{and} the expenses of distributing silver dollars should be divided between "Transportation" ^{and} "incidentals."

I will recapitulate for the information of whoever prepares your accounts that the only new accounts required are "silver bullion purchased", "silver profit fund" ^{and} "Treasury notes":— the first, that the two classes of bullion may be kept separate; the second, that the profits on the coinage from the two classes of bullion may be kept separate; ^{and} the third, the necessity for the use of a new form of money.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech.

Director of the Mint.

See p. 159-
Nov. 5th.

November 6, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury notes, ^{and} that the same be placed to

the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, in Treasury notes.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your register of deposits for the quarter ended September 30, 1890, has been received.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report

upon assay coins taken from the first ^{any} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of September, 1890, ^{any} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. M. L.

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

November 5, 1890. *

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of October, 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz: —

<u>22</u>	S. S. Dollars	—	<u>\$22.</u>
<u>80</u>	Cents		<u>8.</u>
	Total		<u>\$30.</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech.

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

26 S. S. Dollars — \$26.

November 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury, for examination ^{and} settlement, an account of the Hannibal ^{and} St. Jo. Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of February, 1890, from St. Louis to Kansas City, of Stationery Supplies, amounting to \$1.27, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year, 1890, Duplicate bill ^{and} Bk., herewith.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Geesh,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: —

— + + + +
 an account of the Pennsylvania Railway Co.,
 + + in the Month of January, 1890,
 from Washington to East St. Louis of Stationery
 Supplies, amounting to \$2.00, + + +
 + + + + +.

Similar, except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— + + + +
 + + + + + in the
 Month of January, 1890, from Washington to
 Chicago, Ills., of Stationery Supplies, amounting
 to \$2.57, + + + + +
 + + + + +
 Duplicate bill of lading herewith.

November 6, 1890.

First Auditor,Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C., for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

November 6, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,Carson, Nev.

Telegram,

Confirmed.

— Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar ^{and} five cents per ounce, fine.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

(Over) —

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 7, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$15,000. from the appropriation for the "Coinage of Silver Bullion" Act July 14th, 1890, to meet in part, the expense of that coinage at your Mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter with the following exceptions, to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

— + + + + +
the sum of \$5,000. from the appropriation for
the Coinage of the "Standard Silver Dollar",
Act February 28th, 1878, + + +
+ + + + +

November 7, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$3,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your insti-

tution during the present month, payable from
the appropriation for "Parting ^{my} refining Bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech.

Director.

Similar letter with the following exception, to: -
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

	+	+	+	+	+
the sum of	\$2,000.		+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+

November 7, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.,

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the
expenses of your institution during the
Month of November, 1890, has been approved
for the sum of \$2,000., payable from
the following appropriations made for the
support of your Office during the cur-
rent fiscal year, - viz: -

Salaries,	1891,	<u>\$500.</u>
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	<u>800.</u>
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>700.</u>

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: -
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

	+	+	+	+
+	+	for the sum of	\$34,500.	+
+	+	your Mint	+	
+	+	viz: -	(Over) -	

Salaries,	1891,	<u>\$3,500.</u>
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	<u>25,000.</u>
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>6,000.</u>

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	for the sum of <u>\$6,000.</u>			+
+	+	+	+	+	+
Salaries,	1891,	<u>\$2,500.</u>			
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	<u>2,500.</u>			
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>1,000.</u>			

November 7, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of March, 1890, from Washington to Council Bluffs of Stationery supplies, amounting to \$6.17, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1890.

Duplicate bill and Bfd. herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

+	+	+	+	+
+	+	an account of the		

Chicago, Rock Island ^{and} Pacific Railway Co.,
 + + in the Month of October, 1889,
 from New York City to Council Bluffs, of
 Mint supplies, amounting to 93⁹⁰,
 + + + + +

November 7, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.,

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
 of your Ordinary Expense Account, with
 Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for the Month end-
 ing October 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Similar, except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + +
 Ordinary, Refinery, Coinage of U. S. Dol-
 lars ^{and} Coinage of Silver Bullion Accounts,
 + + + + +

November 7, 1890.

Publisher, Press,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please forward the Daily
 Press including Sunday edition, to this Bu-
 reau for one year, transmitting your ac-
 count for payment. — Respectfully yours, —
 E. O. Leech, — Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

Consolidated Kansas City	50,000	Ounces, at \$1.0220.
Smelting & Refining Co.,	50,000	" " 1.0235.
Clark, Dodge & Co.,	100,000	" " 1.0245.
H. N. Paul,	50,000	" " 1.0250.
L. Von Hoffman & Co.,	10,000	" " 1.0235.
Handy & Harman,	80,000	" " 1.0250.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leech,Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+
Boston & Colorado				
Smelting Co.,	80,000	Ounces, at \$1.026.		

November 7, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon receipt hereof, reduce purchasing rate of Silver, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces to \$1.0225 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Telegram. — Reduce purchasing rate of silver
 to one hundred ^{and} three immediately.
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegrams, to the following: —
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 7, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Telegram. — Reduce purchasing rate of silver
 confirmed. per to one dollar ^{and} one-fourth cents.
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —
Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 7, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Merchants' National Bank at Helena.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Merchants' National Bank at Helena.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 7, 1890.

M. W. Tompkins,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— your offer declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Telegrams similar to the foregoing, to the following:—

Confirmed.

J. & H. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

Kohn, Copper & Co.,
#66, Broadway,
New York.

Confirmed.

Nisslage, Colgate & Co.,
#29, Wall Street,
New York.

Similar, except as follows, to:—

Gimmerman & Horshay,
#11, Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed.

— offers + .

November 7, 1890.

Telegram.

L. Von Hoffman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Confirmed.

H. N. Paul, Vice Pres't.,
Cfo., Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Similar, except as follows, to the following:—

Confirmed.

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
#29, Wall Street, New York.
— + + for Philadelphia.

(Over) —

Confirmed. Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refg. Co.,
#20, Nassau Street, New York.
 — + offers + .

November 7, 1890.

Wandy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer of eighty thousand ounces silver at one dollar, two and one-half cents accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 7, 1890.

Wm. B. Dana & Co.,
#102, William Street,
New York.

— Purchased four hundred and twenty thousand ounces silver to-day at from one hundred two twenty, to one hundred two sixty per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 7, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— Forward by to-day's mail, form one ninety-three for October.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 7, 1890.

W. N. Griswold, Esq.,
Pres't, Mining Stock Association,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Replying to a communication dated the first inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, not signed by any one, but I presume intended to be signed by you as President of the M. S. A., relative to certain deposits of silver made at the mint at Carson by Mr. Garrard, the Superintendent, I would say that I will endeavor to ascertain where this bullion came from ^{and} how it happened to be deposited in the name of the Superintendent.

I stated that I thought it was bullion received by mail, for the reason that it was deposited by Mr. Garrard in his official capacity, ^{and} on the register of deposits was marked in each case under the head of "mine or mill," "unknown."

The deposits in July were all marked as from Story county, those in August ^{and} September from Lyon county; numbers 280 ^{and} 329 as Story county ^{and} the remainder Lyon county.

Any information which I may be able to obtain in regard to these deposits will be promptly forwarded to you.

I send you by mail to-day a copy of the rules ^{and} regulations governing the mint service, containing also the coinage laws. A new edition of the regulations is in press ^{and} as soon as

received from the printer, a copy will be mailed you.

I have instructed the superintendent of the mint at Carson to afford you every facility for investigating the deposits at that institution.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

See p. 176,
Nov. 7th.*

November 8, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will in future include on form #64, in reporting your local purchases, the amount of silver parted from gold, mutilated coin^{and} received in payment of charges.

The partings will include the amount of silver contained in redeposits.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith #232 for October in order that you may state thereon the amount of profits on hand, on the coinage of silver dollar under the Acts of February 28, 1878, and July 14, 1890, separately.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November, 8, 1890.

First Auditor,Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{my} settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S., at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter with the following exceptions, to same: —

+ + + + of the
United States Mint at Carson be increased
in the sum of One Hundred ^{and} Fifty
Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.) + +
+ + in Treasury notes, ^{and} that the
(Over) —

same amount be shipped the Superintendent of said institution in notes of the following denominations; \$75,000. in \$100. notes; \$50,000. in \$10. notes; \$25,000. in \$5. notes.

November 8, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.,

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.), and that the same be shipped you in Treasury notes of small denominations; \$75,000. in \$100. notes; \$50,000. in \$10. notes; \$25,000. in \$5. notes.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 8, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{of} settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1890, with my approval, except error of 40¢ in charges on Gold deposit #458, Sept. 16, 1890; I. R. C. ^{my} Alloy charges on this deposit should be \$3.32 instead of \$2.92 as you have it. You will please credit your "Collection Account" ^{and} debit your "Coin Account" with the difference.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach,
 Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1890.

Geo. B. Mossat, Esq.,
#132 & #134, Front St.,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 6th, instant, you are respectfully informed that the exports of silver for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890 were as follows: —

Domestic bars (commercial value), —	\$22,291,911;
Silver contained in copper matte, —	1,120,000;
United States subsidiary silver coin, —	86,646;
Total Domestic, —	\$23,498,557.
Foreign silver coin re-exported, —	\$12,400,834;
Silver in Foreign ores re- " —	75,673;
Foreign silver bullion re- " —	94,538
Total Foreign, —	<u>\$12,571,045.</u>
	(over) —

Total silver exports, — \$36,069,602.
 I have not the data at hand for the last
 ten years.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I will thank you to ascertain from the papers ^{and} original records on file at your Mint where the bullion deposited by William Garrard, Superintendent of the Mint, hereinafter described, was obtained; how it reached the mint, ^{and} to whom the bars in payment were delivered.

The mail receipts should show by whom the bullion was sent, ^{and} how it happened to be deposited in the name of Mr. Garrard, the Superintendent. Please give this matter prompt attention ^{and} report explicitly, ^{and} at as early a date as possible: —

July 6, 1888,	Receipt No. 205,	- 1,344.20	ozs. of silver bullion.
" " " "	" 206,	- 1,004.50	" " " "
July 16, " "	" 213,	- 6,094.20	" " " "
" " " "	" 214,	- 3,628.80	" " " "
" " " "	" 215,	- 736.40	" " " "
Aug., 27, " "	" 249,	- 3,531.30	" " " "
" " " "	" 250,	- 1,275.30	" " " "
Sept., 25, " "	" 265,	- 2,040.40	" " " "
" " " "	" 266,	- 3,109.50	" " " "
Oct., 23, " "	" 280,	- 426.60	" " " "
" " " "	" 281,	- 3,014.60	" " " "
" " " "	" 282,	- 1,777.90	" " " "
Dec., 24, " "	" 329,	- 781.60	" " " "

Dec., 24, 1888, Receipt No., 331, - 1,814.50 ozs. of silver bullion.

" " " " " 332, - 4,835.50 " " "

" " " " " 333, - 3,218.80 " " "

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 8, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd, inst., relative to advances, I would say that the Department refuses to advance money to a national bank in excess of the amount of bonds on deposit.

The Merchants' National Bank having \$100,000. in bonds on deposit with the Treasury the Department will advance \$110,000., but they will not make any advance which exceeds, with the balance reported by the bank, the sum last named.

This is an invariable and unalterable rule of the Department, and my request for advances to you has been cut down by the Treasurer for this reason.

In order to keep you in funds, it will, therefore, be necessary to keep a portion of the balance with the assistant treasurer at New York. This will not affect your advances at Helena.

The next time, therefore, that you need funds, if I find that the amount which you require is in excess of the amount which can be placed to your credit with the Merchants' National Bank

I will have the difference placed to your credit with the assistant treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 10, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I send you by mail to-day some copies of the new regulations governing the transaction of business at the mints and assay offices.

These regulations go into effect on the first instant.

I will thank you to hand a copy to each of the officers and principal clerks of your office and to instruct them to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the provisions.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters to the following: -
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

November 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$5000., from the appropriation for the "Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar", Act, February 28th, 1878, to meet in part, the expense of that coinage at your Mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the

provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,	<u>50,000</u>	Ounces,	at	<u>\$1.0360,</u>
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,	<u>50,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0370,</u>
J. & W. Seligman & Co.,	<u>100,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0299</u>
J. & S. Wormser,	<u>50,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0373,</u>
Gimmeman & Horshay,	<u>50,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0360,</u>
Handy & Harman,	<u>50,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0310,</u>
Handy & Harman,	<u>50,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0330,</u>
Handy & Harman,	<u>100,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0320,</u>
Handy & Harman,	<u>100,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0345,</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery, "Coin of S. S. Dollars" & "Silver Bullion" accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month ending October 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Note Certificate on Abstract of disbursements.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination of settlement, your Ordinary, "Refinery, Coinage of U. S. Dollars" & "Silver Bullion" accounts for the month ending October 31st, 1890, with my approval, except voucher #146, bill of French, Richards & Co., in which five barrels of Portland cement are chgd., at \$3.50 per bbl., instead of at the contract rate, \$3.25 per bbl. I have recommended the excess of \$1.25 to be disallowed, ^{and} you will take up the amount in your Mint account current, unless the overpayment can be explained.

Very respectfully,
 C. O. Keck,
 Director.

November 10, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.,

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 7, dated Nov. 4, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 7, dated Oct. 28th, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$9,674.40, charges \$25.17, ^{and} net value \$9,649.23.

For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

(Over) —

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Charlotte, N. C.

+ + No. 10, dated Nov. 5, 1890,
+ + + + to the United States
Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 10, dated
Oct. 31, 1890, + + + +
and the gross value found to be \$23,152.80;
charges \$53.76, and net value \$23,099.04.
+ + + + +
+ + + + +

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

+ + No. 12, dated Nov.
6, 1890, + + + + +
+ + + Shipment No. 12, dated
Oct. 31, 1890, + + + + +
and the gross value found to be \$25,980.43;
charges \$69.13, and net value \$25,911.30.
+ + + + +
+ + + + +

November 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing
rate of silver at your Mint, in lots of
less than 10,000 ounces will be \$1.03 per
ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$860.80, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz: —

Salaries, —	1891,	<u>\$260.80,</u>
Wages of Workmen & Contingent Expenses, —	1891,	<u>600.00.</u>

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— + + + + for the sum
 of \$10,200., payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz: —

Salaries, —	1891,	<u>\$2,700,</u>
Wages of Workmen, —	1891,	<u>5,000,</u>
Contingent Expenses, —	1891,	<u>2,500.</u>

November 10, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Ab-

tracts and vouchers, for the month ending Oct. 31, 1890. A letter of transmittal should accompany your accounts.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter, to: —
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

November 10, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and three cents to take effect to-morrow morning.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —
Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

November 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received the index to the coins and medals of the cabinet of the mint, prepared by Mr. McClure.

I find that the public printer is so rushed with work at present owing to the printing of the annual reports, that nothing would be gained by send-

ing him this index at present, so I thought I would hold it for the present ^{and} send it later, if I can succeed in getting it printed.

It is certainly a very valuable document.

I would have it printed in Philadelphia but I am afraid the bill would not be allowed by the accounting officers.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Nov. 10, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-three Thousand ^{and} Two $\frac{01}{100}$ Dollars (\$23,002.01), in Gold Coin, ^{and} Ninety-seven $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars (\$97.03), in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-three Thousand ^{and} Ninety-nine $\frac{04}{100}$ Dollars, (\$23,099.04), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum No. 10, dated Nov. 5th., 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to the same address:—

+ + + + +
of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to
(Over)

that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-eight $\frac{14}{100}$ Dollars (\$25,298.14), in Gold Coin, and Six Hundred and Thirteen $\frac{16}{100}$ Dollars (\$613.16), in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars, (\$25,911.30), being the net value + + + by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 12, dated Nov. 6th, 1890, + + +
+ + +.

+ + + of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-six $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars (\$9,556.37), in Gold Coin, and Ninety-two $\frac{86}{100}$ Dollars (\$92.86), in Silver Coin, making a total of Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-nine $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars (\$9,649.23), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 7, dated Nov. 4, 1890, + + +
+ + +.

November 10, 1890.

Grimmerman & Horshay,
\$11, Wall Street,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

J. & S. Wormser,

New York.

Confirmed.

(next page) —

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Similar, except as follows, to:—

Kisselage, Colgate & Co.,

29, Wall Street,

New York.

November 10, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Helena, Montana.

— There was no error in the transference of thirty-five thousand dollars. The balances of the bank would not admit of further advances by exchange on New York.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 10, 1890.

Handy & Harman,

24, Nassau Street,

New York.

— All your offers accepted as follows:—
 fifty-thousand ounces at one dollar three and one-tenth cents— one hundred thousand at one dollar three and two-tenths cents— fifty-thousand at one dollar three and three-tenths cents and one hundred thousand at one dollar three and forty-five hundredths cents.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the

proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement a bill of stationery division, Treasury Department, for stationery shipped you on the 2nd., of September, amounting to \$202.96, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year, 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + +
+ + shipped you on the 3rd., of Sep-
tember, amounting to \$135.38, + +
+ + + + +

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + +
+ + shipped you on the 27th., of
September, amounting to \$65.45, payable
from the appropriation for Contingent +
+ + + +

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

— + + + + +
+ + shipped you on the 8th.,
of September, amounting to \$47.38, pay-
able from + + for Contingent Ex-
penses + + + + +

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

(next page) —

+ + shipped you on the 3rd., of
 September, amounting to \$2.53, payable from
 the appropriation for Wages & Contingent Ex-
 penses of your Office, fiscal year 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
 Charlotte, N. C.

+ + shipped you on the 13th.,
 of September, amounting to \$0.86, +
 + + + + +

November 11, 1890.
 Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th.,
 instant I would state that upon inquiry at
 the Stationery Division I find all the envel-
 opes called for in your requisition had been
 shipped your Mint.

You will probably find upon
 actual count, the 4000 envelopes required
 for statistical purposes.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1890.
 Messrs B. Westerman & Co.,
 #812, Broadway,
 New York.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to continue the
 subscription of this Bureau, during the Cal-

endar year 1891, to the foreign annual publications enumerated in your bill under date of the 10th, instant.

Immediately upon receipt of the initial copies the bill will be approved for the entire amount ^{and} referred for payment.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., for the quarter ending Sept., 30th., 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ending Sept., 30th., 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 11, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco be increased Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury notes of the following denominations: -

Of the denomination of \$100. ~~~~~	\$160,000. ~~~~~
Of the denomination of \$10. ~~~~~	100,000. ~~~~~
Of the denomination of \$5. ~~~~~	50,000. ~~~~~

and that one-half of each denomination of the above be transferred to the Mint at Carson, Nev.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of \$300,000. in Treasury notes as follows: -
\$160,000. in notes of \$100. ~~~~~ - \$100,000. ~~~~~
in notes of \$10. ~~~~~ and \$50,000. ~~~~~ in notes
of \$5. ~~~~~ and that one-half of each denomination of the above be transferred to the Mint at Carson, Nev.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of O. C. Rossbyshell, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of One Hundred ^{and} Seventy-five Thousand Dollars, (\$175,000.), on account of profits on the Coinage of silver dollars under the Act of July 14, 1890, ^{and} that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in your name, the sum of \$175,000. on account of profits on the Coinage of silver dollars under the Act of July 14, 1890, that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Treasury draft on the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, No. 31096 for \$53.55 in payment of your account for five (5) Indian Peace Medals for the Department of the Interior, forwarded to this Bureau on the 16th., ultimo. I also enclose medal fund vouchers signed in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th., instant you are informed that it is intended you enter on form #64 the amount of silver received in charges and bar fractions the same as you enter on form #193.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1890.

R. P. Rothwell, Esq.,
#27, Park Place, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th., inst., I would say that no export

of silver in copper matte from the port of Baltimore was embraced in the exportation of domestic silver in my report for the calendar year 1889, for the reason that it was not until the first of January of the present year that the collector of the port of Baltimore reported any shipments of gold ^{and} silver ores.

— Finding that large quantities of so-called gold ^{and} silver ores were being shipped from the port of Baltimore I investigated the subject ^{and} found that it was copper matte ^{and} argentiferous matte produced by the Anaconda Mining Co.,

The shipment of argentiferous matte from the port of Baltimore commenced at the beginning of the present calendar year.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1890.

The Chief,

Bureau of Statistics,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th., inst., enclosing a communication from the collector of customs at New York, relative to reporting the value of the precious metals contained in domestic copper ores ^{and} matte, I would say that I presume it would be difficult for the collectors to make such reports monthly, but they might furnish it annually.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 11, 1890.

Geo. B. Moffat,#132 + #134 Grout Street,New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 10th, inst., you are informed that the imports of silver during the fiscal year 1890 were as follows: -

Imports of Silver, 1890.

Foreign bullion (commercial value), ——— \$4,086,684.

Silver in foreign ores (commercial value), ——— 6,491,163.

Foreign silver coin, ——— 13,740,527.

Total foreign, ——— \$27,317,374.

United States silver coin, ——— 206,773.

Total silver imports, ——— \$27,524,147.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of that institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

In examining the vouchers of the Express Co., for the shipment of coin, accompanying your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, I find that you have been shipping the proceeds of the gold deposits in many cases to the depositors at Government expense.

There is no authority of law for such payments ^{and} they will all be disallowed in the settlement of your accounts.

The only shipments of coin that you are authorized to make at Government expense are silver dollars in the State ^{and} immediately adjoining sections, ^{and} in such cases the bills must show explicitly that they were for standard silver dollars.

That this was not the case in the vouchers referred to is proven by the fact that they are for odd amounts including cents, ^{and} the exact value of the gold deposits.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 12, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury for examination ^{and} settlement, two accounts of the Union Pacific (main line) Railway

Co., for the transportation in the months of February ^{and} March, 1890, from Council Bluffs & Rock-springs to Ogden, Utah, of Mint supplies, amounting to \$96.53, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1890. Duplicate bills of lading herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 12, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

Consolidated Kans. City Sm. & Ref. Co.,	24,000	Ounces at	\$1.0320
" " " " " "	38,000	" "	1.0335
Handy & Harman	80,000	" "	1.0350
" " "	100,000	" "	1.0375
" " "	125,000	" "	1.0385
" " "	100,000	" "	1.0395
Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,	100,000	" "	1.0390
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,	50,000	" "	1.0340
Zimmerman & Forshay	50,000	" "	1.0393.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1890.

First Auditor,Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary ^{and} Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City, for the Month ending October 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,New York City.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement your Ordinary ^{and} Refinery expense accounts for the Month ending October 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

November 12, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th, inst., enclosing an estimate of Farrel & Co., for certain alterations ^{and} additions to the vault for the Cashier's office, I have delayed my approval for the reason that I was in

hopes that I could induce the Supervising Architect to have this work done from the appropriation for "vaults & locks." I find, however, that it will not be possible to secure this, so that you are instructed to accept the proposal of Farrell & Co., (herewith returned) & the expense can be paid from advances made you from the appropriation for the coinage of silver bullion Act of July 14, 1890.

You will forward the contract, or a copy of it, with the bill for the same with your account.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 12, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.) & that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, in Treasury notes.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1890.

J. D. Shotwell, Esq.,
Teller, - Bowery Savings Bank,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the

3rd., ultimo, which has just been brought to my attention, I would say that every effort is being made upon the part of the Mint to supply the demand for minor coins, ^{and} notwithstanding that the force is employed until midnight, ^{and} some nine presses are kept constantly at work on minor coins, it seems impossible to supply the demand.

For this reason it would evidently be improper to ship new coins to the assistant treasury where there is already a stock.

The matter of re-coining of old coins rests entirely with the Treasurer of the United States ^{and} not with me.

I return the coins enclosed in your letter.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 12, 1890.

Telegram.

Bank of California,

San Francisco, Cal.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Confirmed.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,

29, Wall Street,

New York.

Confirmed.

Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,

New York.

Confirmed.

Gimmerman & Horshay,

11, Wall Street,

New York.

Confirmed.

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Similar, except as follows to:—

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company,
20, Nassau Street,

New York.

— + offers +.

November 12, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— Payment of express charges on the proceeds of gold deposits, by the government, is illegal ^{and} will be disallowed in your accounts.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 12, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— Receive one hundred thousand ounces silver from Bank of California at one dollar ^{and} three cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 12, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street,
New York.

— Your offers of fifty thousand at one hundred three fifty, one hundred thousand at one hundred three seventy-five, one hundred ^{and} twenty-five thousand at one hundred three eighty-five, ^{and} one hundred thousand at one hundred three ninety-five accepted. Other two offers declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 13, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 8, dated Nov. 7, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 8, dated Oct. 31, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$34,212.20, charges \$47.56, and net value \$34,134.64. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 13, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirty-three Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-three $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars - (\$33,583.67), in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Fifty $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars (\$550.97), in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-four Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-four $\frac{64}{100}$ Dollars (\$34,134.64), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 8, dated November 7, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

November 13, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to the pay-roll of the General department accompanying your ordinary expense account for the month of October, your attention is called to the following inaccuracies in signatures: — John Donnelly, Capt. of the Watch, receipts in the name of J. J. Donnelly, ^{by} Joseph D. Sarrafield as Joseph D. Sarrafield. If these signatures are correct it will be necessary for you to explain, otherwise, new receipts must be forwarded for file with the pay-roll.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 13, 1890.

Publisher Chronicle,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You will please forward the Daily Chronicle, including Sunday Edition, to this Bureau for one year from receipt hereof, transmitting your account for payment.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 13, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the account for the daily cablegrams to this Bureau of the

London price for silver, has heretofore been paid from the appropriation contained in the first section of the Act of February 28, 1878. As this Act was repealed by the Act of July 14, 1890, I have to request that you will authorize the payment of the account for these cablegrams from the appropriation contained in the last named Act, as it is indispensable that this Bureau should be furnished with the daily London price for silver.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 13, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery ^{and} Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, La., for the month ending October 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 13, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement your Ordinary Refinery + Standard Silver Dollar accounts for the months ending October 31, 1890, with my approval.

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Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 13, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and vouchers, for the Month ending October 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 13, 1890.

Sup't. Mint, Philadelphia.

Telegram.

— The department has done the very best possible to get you the Register.

Unless you can get one printed, use loose sheets temporarily.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 13, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Assayer of this Bureau sends to your mint to-day by express a box containing three packages of bullion resulting from the monthly examination of coins.

One package contains 27.82 ounces of cut-up gold coins, for which you will return without melting exact weight and standard fineness. The second contains 1.49 ounces of

gold cornets. The third is a bar of silver weighing 208.11 ounces. I will thank you to pay for 21 ounces of this, being the quantity of dimes contained, at subsidiary silver coining rate, ^{and} the remainder at standard silver dollar rate. — As there is no way of re-imbursement the Assayer of this Bureau for any loss incurred in making monthly tests of coins, I will thank you to give him full weight ^{and} fineness, without any charges or deductions, on the material shipped you, ^{and} to send a draft for the net value payable to his order.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 13, 1890.

The Editor,
The Engineering ^{and} Mining Journal,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

My attention has been directed to a letter signed "Bruno Wetzig," which appeared in your Journal of the 8th, inst., dated La Puebla de Guzman, (presumably Guzman) Spain, October 18, 1890, "purporting to give the silver product from German mines, by districts, for the year 1888.

In this letter Mr. Wetzig makes it appear, ^{and} gives figures to substantiate it, that the product of silver from German mines approximates 200,000 kilograms annually, ^{and} that the silver product of German smelting works was for 1888 about 201,000 kilograms.

Mr. Wetzig does not state where he got the figures which he uses. A large portion of

them are round estimates, but the entire statistics are so incorrect, that I am surprised that you published them.

In the first place the total value of the gold ^{and} silver ores produced in the German Empire in 1888, according to official statistics was — 4,069,000 marks, while the total product of silver by the smelting works of Germany for the same year was 406,602 fine kilograms.

According to the "Monatshefte zur Statistik des Deutschen Reichs" for February, 1890, the official statistical publication of the German Empire, the product of silver from the mines of Germany was: —

	Tons	Value in marks.
Saxony, —————	20,326	4,027,378
Other German States, —	83	41,223
Total German Empire, 20,389		4,068,601

I had thought of writing an elaborate reply to this misleading statement of Mr. Hetzig's, but before doing anything in the matter I would like to know who the individual is, what standing he has ^{and} what facilities for obtaining information in regard to the product of German mines which the public generally do not possess, ^{and} which are not contained in official statistical publications of the German Empire.

Possibly you could inform me on these subjects, or you might ascertain from Mr. Hetzig where he obtained the statistics published in your Journal of the 8th, instant.

You are probably aware that Dr. Soetbeer has been in the habit, in his statistics, of crediting Germany annually with the silver product of its smelters, although he admits

that the bulk of the silver obtained in the German Empire is from foreign ores ^{and} furnace products imported into that Empire for the purpose of economical reduction.

In a paper presented by him to the recent Paris Monetary Conference he called attention to the fact that the essential difference between his estimate of the silver product of the world ^{and} that of the Director of the Mint lay in this fact.

I contend that it would be just as correct to credit the silver obtained from Mexican ores smelted in the United States as a portion of the silver product of this country as to credit the amount of silver obtained from South American ^{and} other foreign ores smelted in Germany to that country.

Indeed on the same principle if all the South American ores were shipped to Germany for reduction Germany would apparently be one of the largest silver producing countries in the world, its product being obtained mostly from the desilverization of lead ores, ^{and} amounting to about 30,000 kilograms annually.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th, instant acknowledging receipt of 2 Journals, I would state that your requisition of June 25th, was understood to call for only two books instead of two dozen.

Should you still need them a requisition will be made on the Public Printer for such number as you may require, in which case however you will furnish sample sheets, stating the number of leaves in each book.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending Sept., 30th., 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 14, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith draft No. 416824 of George A. Bartlett, Disbursing Clerk, on the Assistant Treasurer at New York in your favor for \$789., the same being in payment of your account for 8 gold life saving medals, riders, cases &c., forwarded to this Bureau on the 4th, instant. I also enclose medal fund vouchers signed in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

Cluck, Dodge & Co.,	—	25,000	Ounces,	at	\$1.0340
" " " "	—	50,000	" "		1.0345-
" " " "	—	25,000	" "		1.0350
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,	—	50,000	" "		1.0347.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to-day approved ^{and} referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment, bill of the Orr & Hess machine Company, amounting to \$324., for the manufacture of forty-eight Furnace Hoods for the use of your Mint, payable from your appropriation for Contingent expenses, fiscal year 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 14, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the quarter ending September 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Medal Fund account for the quarter ending September 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 14, 1890.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
*29, Wall Street,

New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: -

(Over) -

Telegram.

Confirmed.

Confirmed. Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Similar, except as follows, to: —

Clark, Dodge & Co.,

#51, Wall Street,

New York.

Confirmed.

— + offers + —.

November 14, 1890.

Telegram. Chase National Bank,
New York.

— your offer declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,

New York.

Confirmed.

Zimmerman & Forshay,

#11, Wall Street,

New York.

Confirmed.

Similar, except as follows, to the following: —

Handy & Harman,

#24, Nassau Street,

New York.

Confirmed.

— + offers + .

Confirmed.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,

New York.

November 14, 1890.

Telegram. National Bank of the Republic,
New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer received too late for
consideration but would have been declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 14, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Receive fifteen thousand ounces silver from Selby Smelting & Lead Company at one dollar three $\frac{3}{4}$ one-fourth cents.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 14, 1890.

William B. Dana & Co.,
#102, William Street,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Purchased one hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ sixty-five thousand ounces fine silver at from one hundred three $\frac{3}{4}$ one-fourth to one hundred three $\frac{3}{4}$ one-half.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 14, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Cannot understand why it is necessary to cover into the Treasury the silver profits in order to complete coinage of seventy-eight bullion. The profits are only declared as the bullion is coined.

What have the profits got to do with coming up the bullion? It is desirable to keep the profits as there is a bill before Congress to recoin the subsidiary silver in the Treasury, $\frac{3}{4}$ pay the loss from silver profit fund. Explain by mail.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 14, 1890.

Supr. Mint(Philadelphia.)

Telegram.

Register of deposits expected to-day,
certainly to-morrow. Will be forwarded
at once.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 15, 1890.

S. D. Gilbert, Esq.,#141, Montague Street,Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the
14th., inst., you are respectfully informed that
no action has been taken by the Department in
regard to new designs for coins.

When action is taken due public no-
tice will be given.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1890.

Messrs Kidder, Peabody & Co.,P. O. Box #2214,New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the
13th., instant you are informed that an
Act passed by Congress June 20, 1874, makes
it lawful for coinage to be executed at
the Mints of the United States for any for-
eign country applying for the same, accord-
ing to the legally prescribed standards ^{and}

devices of such country, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, providing that the manufacture of such coin shall not interfere with the required coinage of the United States. I estimate that the cost of coining half a million of Ecuador sucres would be about \$6,500. This, of course, includes only the necessary labor ^{and} the dies. The silver for the same would have to be furnished by the government of Ecuador or their representatives.

— I would prefer to coin it at San Francisco or New Orleans as the Philadelphia Mint is very busy. —

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1890.

S. G. Brock, Esq.,

Chief, Bureau of Statistics,

Sir:

I return herewith amended statements of Coinage ^{and} production, enclosed in your letter of the 12th, inst.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of October, 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for

special assay have been received, viz:—

2 Eagles, _____	\$20.~
6 Half-Eagles, _____	30.~
14 S. S. Dollars, _____	14.~
Total, _____	<u>\$64.~</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+	+	viz:—
10 Double Eagles, _____				\$200.~	
18 S. S. Dollars, _____				18.~	
50 Dimes, _____				5.~	
Total, _____				<u>223.~</u>	

November 17, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:—

Kohn, Popper & Co., _____	300,000 Ounces, at \$1.00
Con. Ban City Sm. & Ref. Co., _____	50,000 " " 1.00
" " " " " " _____	50,000 " " 1.0003
Zimmerman & Gorshay, _____	140,000 " " 1.0025
N. H. Lorrance, _____	100,000 " " 1.005
Wandy & Harman, _____	25,000 " " 1.005

Respectfully yours, — E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Letter similar to the foregoing except as follows, to:—
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

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payable in Treasury notes:—
 Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,— 80,000 Ounces, at \$1.00.

November 17, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
 your Ordinary ^{and} Refinery expense Accounts,
 with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for the month end-
 ing October 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— + + + + +
 Ordinary Refinery ^{and} Stand. Silver Dollar
 Expense Accounts, with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers
 + + + + +

November 17, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the
 Bullion Fund of the United States Assay
 Office at Boise be increased in the sum
 of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.), by a
 transfer of that amount in lawful money

and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boise City National Bank, Boise City, Idaho.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 17, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Boise City National Bank.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 17, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your offers declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Heidelbach, Schelheimer & Co.,

New York.

Confirmed.

— + offer + .

M. M. Tompkins,

San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

— + offer + .

(next page) —

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
#29, Wall Street,
New York.
 — + offers + .

Confirmed.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

November 17, 1890.

N. H. Lorrance, Esq.,
#50, Wall Street,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Confirmed.

Kohn, Papper & Co.,
#66, Broadway,
New York.

Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Similar, except as follows, to:—

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
#20, Nassau Street,
New York.

Confirmed.

— + offers + .

November 17, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
#51, Wall Street,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces at one dollar and one-half cents accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 17, 1890.

Gimmerman & Gorshay,
#11, Wall Street,New York.Telegram. — Your offer of one hundred ^{and} forty
thousand ounces at one dollar ^{and} one-fourth
Confirmed. cents accepted. Other declined.E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

November 17, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.Confirmed. — Suspend local purchases until
further orders.E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.Similar telegrams to the following: —
Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nevada.Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

November 18, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Saint Louis, Mo.Telegram. — Pay for silver contained in gold
deposits at the rate of ninety cents per stand-
ard ounce.E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegrams to the following: — (next page) —

November 18, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

November 18, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In connection with vouchers #207, #208 and #213, and petty vouchers #18, #19, #20 and #21, of your Ordinary Account for the month ending October 31, your attention is respectfully called to a letter from this Bureau under date of November 13, 1889. As the records of the Bureau do not show, I will thank you to explain whether authority was obtained for the printing, and purchase of the stationery, covered by these vouchers.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

November 18, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find the pay-rolls of the General department of your Mint, pertaining to the Ordinary ^{and} Refinery accounts, for the month of October, in each of which an error occurs. You will observe that the footings of the pay-rolls of Officers ^{and} Clerks ^{and} of the Refinery are incorrect. The former should be \$3462.30, ^{and} the latter \$310.00. On the other roll the name of Jas. R. Phillips is written Jas. R. Whipple, but the amount due is recited for by Phillips.

The Accounts Current ^{and} Abstracts of disbursements are also returned for such changes as may be rendered necessary.

I also desire to call your attention to the fact that the pay-rolls of the Assayer's ^{and} Coiner's departments show the transfer of Thomas Wood from the former to the latter roll, vice Bartley Cavanaugh, workman, transferred to his position as porter on the Assayer's roll. No letter transferring these employes has been received at this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 18, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice you will pay for

silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of 90 cents per standard ounce.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

November 18, 1890.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
20, Nassau Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith copies of telegrams from you yesterday making offers of silver. From these you will observe that the first reads 50,000 ounces of \$1.00 ²⁴/₁₀₀ the second 50,000 ounces at \$1.0003 per ounce fine. The memorandum of sale forwarded by you gives the price of the latter as \$1.003 per ounce. I telegraphed to-day that only \$1.0003 per ounce would be paid for this lot.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the

Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at New York be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Standard Silver Dollars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 18, 1890.

Henry C. Baird, Esq.,
810, Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th, instant I enclose herewith statements showing the gold and silver production of California.

Respectfully yours — E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November, 18, 1890.

H. H. Cannon, Esq.,
President, Chase National Bank,
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of to-day offering 100,000 ounces silver at \$1.55 per fine ounce and requesting that if accepted, the Assistant Treasurer at New York, be instructed to receive and pay for the silver, you are informed that silver is not purchased for delivery to any Assistant Treasurer, but must be delivered at one of the coinage mints. When delivered the approximate value is paid by check on New York, and the balance after it has been determined by melt and assay. I enclose herewith circulars relative to offers for the sale of silver.

Respectfully yours,
 E. C. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1890.

Spruille Braden, Esq.,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th, instant enclosing certain bills of newspapers for payment, I would say that I have been very much surprised at the receipt of bills for papers dating back many years ago. For instance, the bill of the Daily and Weekly Missoulian dates back to 1884. Surely if these papers were regularly subscribed for

they would have rendered bills before this time. It seems to me that these papers must have been furnished you gratis, otherwise it is very remarkable that they should wait until you went out of office before rendering bills to the Government.

I have paid quite a number of them, but I am disinclined to pay bills running back several years for newspapers which were of no value to the Government ^{and} for which bills have never been rendered.

Will you be kind enough to explain why these bills were not rendered at the time of subscription, as is the custom with newspapers, ^{and} whether you have had any correspondence with the publishers of these papers on the subject of rendering bills to the Government, ^{and} also whether you subscribed for these papers as an individual or in your official capacity as assayer in charge of the assay office, ^{and} whether you had any authority to subscribe for them on the part of the Government.

In your own interests as well as in the interests of the Government, I think that there should be some explanation on file showing why these bills should come in for payment months after you have retired from office, covering a period of four or five, ^{and} in some cases six years prior.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1890.

James H. Hindrim, Esq.,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find money order for the sum of \$3.00 in payment of photographs of the "Joseph Francis" medal furnished Mr. Francis.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1890.

Joseph Francis, Esq.,
Care of Chas. Blondo, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Francis:

Yours of the 11th, inst., enclosing postal order for \$3.00 in payment of photographs of your medal, has been received, and the money order has been forwarded to the Supervising Architect.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1890.

R. P. Rothwell, Esq.,
#27 Park Place,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th, inst., (the answer to which has been delayed on account of rearranging my office), I would say that the Collector of Customs

at Baltimore reported to this Bureau that the shipment of argentiferous matte commenced on the first of January of the present year. — He makes a distinction between copper matte and argentiferous matte, the latter being somewhat richer in silver.

If any precious metals were shipped from Baltimore during the calendar year 1889 in copper matte they were not reported to the Treasury Department by the Collector, and were consequently, not included in the silver estimate in my annual report.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 18, 1890.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
20, Nassau Street, New York.

Telegram.

— Referring to your second sale of fifty thousand ounces of silver yesterday, the price offered and accepted was one dollar and three one-hundredths of a cent, not one dollar and three-tenths of a cent, as per your memorandum received to-day.

Confirmed.

One dollar and three one-hundredths is all that will be paid. Letter by mail.

E. O. Leech,

Director.

November 18, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— Silver sold by Gimmerman & Forshay yesterday, will be delivered by August Belmont and Company. Receive

Confirmed. silver ^{by} mail check for same to August Belmont ^{by} Company.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

November 18, 1890.

Zimmerman & Loesch,
#11, Wall Street,
New York.

Telegram.

— Superintendent Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to receive silver from August Belmont ^{by} Company ^{by} mail checks to their order for silver sold by you yesterday.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

November 18, 1890.

H. W. Cannon,
President, Chase National Bank,
New York.

Telegram.

— To-day is not purchase day ^{and} your offer cannot be considered.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

November 19, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La., for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Sept. 30th., 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 19, 1890.

Handy & Harman,24, Nassau Street,New York.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram was received from you at 1.53 P. M., this afternoon:—"Cancel all offers under ninety-eight one-quarter." In reply I telegraphed you as follows:—"Your telegram to cancel offers below $98\frac{1}{4}$ was received at 1.53 P. M., nearly an hour after your offers had been accepted. The contract was completed when your offers were accepted, ^{and} the Government will expect you to fulfill the same."

You are aware that offers for the sale of silver are considered by the Secretary at one o'clock, ^{and} that your offers are brought in competition with those of other firms, ^{and} that it would be manifestly unfair to consider a dispatch sent after the hour when offers have been considered ^{and} accepted or rejected as a cancellation of such offers.

The Department will consider the sale of 25,000 ounces of silver at 97 $\frac{1}{4}$, 75,000 at 97 $\frac{3}{4}$, 100,000 at 98 $\frac{1}{2}$, 100,000 at 98 $\frac{1}{4}$ made by you today as binding, ^{and} will expect you to deliver the silver named at the prices offered.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York: —

Handy & Harman,	<u>25,000</u> Ounces, at \$0.9725,
Handy & Harman,	<u>75,000</u> " " 0.9775,
Handy & Harman,	<u>100,000</u> " " 0.9800,
Handy & Harman,	<u>100,000</u> " " 0.9825,
Kohn, Popper & Co.,	<u>50,000</u> " " 0.9750,
Con. Han. City Sm. & Ref. Co.,	<u>50,000</u> " " 0.9744,
Con. Han. City Sm. & Ref. Co.,	<u>50,000</u> " " 0.9734,
Con. Han. City Sm. & Ref. Co.,	<u>50,000</u> " " 0.9710.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1890.

S. Reeve, Esq.,

Suit 37, #184 Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th, instant, you are informed that the equivalent of $50\frac{3}{4}$ pence, viz: - $\$1.113$, as given in your letter, is based upon sterling exchange at the rate of $\$4.87$ per pound sterling $\$1.201$ would be the equivalent of $50\frac{3}{4}$ pence with exchange at $\$4.87$.

The equivalent of 61 pence $\$1.337$, as given by you, is based upon the par of exchange, viz: - $\$4.8665$, as fixed by Section 3565 of the Revised Statutes, which declares that the value of the pound sterling shall be deemed equal to $\$4.8665$.

In purchasing silver the prevailing rate of exchange on the day of purchase is always taken in order to determine the equivalent in United States money, of an ounce of silver 1000 fine.

The rule used by this Bureau in ascertaining the equivalent in U. S. money of the London quotation for silver 925 fine, British standard is to multiply the London price by the rate of sight sterling exchange and divide the product by 222.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office.
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have to-day approved and referred to

the proper accounting officers of the Department for adjustment ^{and} settlement, bills of the Salt Lake Tribune ^{and} the New North West for balance of subscription due, respectively, to Sept. 8, 1890, \$2.35 ^{and} Sept. 30, - 90, \$1.00. The bills will be paid from the appropriation for contingent expenses, office of Director of the Mint, 1891, for the collection of mining statistics.

Respectfully Yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 19, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination ^{and} settlement, an account of the Union Pacific (Kansas division)

Railway Co., for the transportation in the month of February, 1890, from Kansas City to Denver, of Mint supplies, amounting to \$4.32, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your mint, fiscal year 1890. Duplicate Bfd. herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

— + + + + +
an account of the Union Pacific (main line)
+ + + + + from Council
(Over) —

Bluffs to Granger, Wyo., of Mint supplies,
amounting to \$6.11, consigned to your care, +
+ + + + + + + + + +.

November 19, 1890.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th, instant, you are informed that the entire proceeds of the silver bar forwarded you by the Assayer of this Bureau will be treated by you as a purchase under the Act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1890.
Messrs Widder, Peabody & Co.,
P. O. Box 2214,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 17th, instant, I estimate that the cost of coining a half million sucres in twenty-cent pieces, would be \$6,750.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1890.
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion

Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars \$200,000 and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National & Denver National Bank.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 19, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars \$200,000. by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the First National & Denver National Banks, Denver, Colo.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending Sept. 30th., 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 19, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your offers of twenty-five thousand ounces at ninety-seven ^{and} one-fourth cents, seventy-five thousand at ninety-seven ^{and} three-fourths, one hundred thousand at ninety-eight, ^{and} one hundred thousand at ninety-eight ^{and} one-fourth, accepted. Others declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 19, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your telegram to cancel offers below ninety-eight ^{and} one-fourth was received at one, fifty-three, nearly an hour after your offers had been accepted. The contract was completed when your offers were accepted ^{and} the government will expect you to fulfil the same.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 19, 1890.

Bank of California,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Your offer received too late for consideration but would have been declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 19, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— Coin fifty thousand dollars additional in dimes this month without fail as the demand upon the Treasury is urgent.

To-day's silver purchases finish the month.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 19, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,

Telegram.

New York.

— Your offer declined.

Confirmed

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to:—

J. & S. Wormser,

Confirmed.

New York.

November 19, 1890.

Kohn, Popper & Co.,

Telegram.

#66 Broadway,New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to:—

Cons'l'd. Kansas City Sm. & Ref. Company,#20 Nassau Street,New York.

Confirmed.

— + offers + .

November 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Hereafter you will please forward the specimen coins for test by this Bureau as soon as taken from each delivery, instead of waiting until the end of the month, as heretofore.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

November 20, 1890.

E. J. Platt, Esq.,

United States Express Company,

Treasury Department,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of this date the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans has been instructed to pay your company for transportation of silver coin from New Orleans, by draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Mr. E. I. Platt, the Treasury agent of the United States Express Company, states that they are now receiving pay for transportation of silver coin from your mint in silver coin, which is sent from New Orleans to Washington.

You are authorized to make payment in future of the bills of the express company for transportation of silver coin by draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ~~and~~ two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of October, 1890, ~~my~~ forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:—

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

November 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Your attention is directed to vouchers Nos. 59, 64^{and} 65 of your ordinary expense account for the month of October.

Voucher No. 65 is a bill of Wells, Fargo & Co's. express amounting to \$238.95 for freight charges from San Francisco, (with the exception of the last item which is silver dollars to Philadelphia), without any explanation as to what these freight charges are for. The bill is herewith returned as it cannot be allowed in its present shape.

If these charges were for shipments of coin from San Francisco you will please explain the necessity for such shipments.

In regard to voucher No. 64 for water rent for the month of October amounting to \$103.33, ^{and} voucher No. 59 of the Carson City Gas Company for the same month amounting to \$45.60, I would say that these bills are exorbitant. The payment of \$1,200. a year for the use of water ^{and} \$900. for the use of gas for your mint is unreasonable ^{and} exorbitant, ^{and} I have serious doubts as to the propriety of approving such expenditures. I desire to know whether it is not possible to make a contract on lower terms with the water ^{and} gas companies for the service of the mint at Carson.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th., instant, relative to bills for dies, you will find that there is no provision in the new Regulations for re-imbursing the expenses for labor ^{and} material in making dies. You will remember that I made this change with your concurrence.

Hereafter no bills will be rendered, but the expense of making dies will be paid as prior to 1885, from your regular appropriations

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please forward to this Bureau as early as practicable a bronze copy of each of the following medals, viz: —
Major General Taylor for Buena Vista No. 19;
Major General Scott for Mexico, No 20;
Captain Ingraham, No. 41;
Japan Embassy, No. 44;
Dr. Rose, No. 45.

These medals are to be furnished at cost.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to ascertain the lowest rate per pound at which you can purchase ten (10) tons of Bertha spelter, to be delivered to the Quartermaster, U. S. Army, for shipment to the mint of the United States at San Francisco. Your prompt attention is requested.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1890.

Selby Smelting and Lead Company,
416, Montgomery Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco to pay you the difference claimed in the price, viz: - .0005, on account of your sale of 40,000 ounces on the 1st. instant, the error having occurred in this Bureau in entering the rate at which your offer was made.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

It appears that the offer of the Selby

Smelting ^{my} Lead Company of the 1st, instant was for 40,000 ounces at \$1.06,45 per ounce. You were instructed to receive the same at \$1.06,40.

You will please pay the Selby Smelting ^{my} Lead Company the difference between the two rates on the amount delivered.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I telegraphed you today that one of the silver dollars from delivery No. 164 of October 24th, weighed 410.85 grains, being .15 of a grain below the legal tolerance.

Another coin of the same delivery weighed only half a grain above the limit for light (mistake in telegram).

It is evident that there was some very careless work in the adjusting of these pieces, ^{and} I am very fearful of the result of the annual test. Please investigate the matter thoroughly ^{and} report to this Bureau.

Hereafter please forward the pieces for special test to this Bureau as soon as they are taken from each delivery instead of waiting until the end of the month.

This may prevent a delivery from being put into circulation before any deficient coins may be discovered in it.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— A silver dollar of delivery number one hundred ^{and} sixty-four of October twenty-seven, weighs four hundred ^{and} ten ^{and} eighty-five hundredths grains, fifteen one hundredths of a grain below the legal tolerance. Have the entire delivery weighed, each piece separately. Another coin of the same delivery runs a grain light. There is some bad work in the adjusting room. Have it thoroughly investigated.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Do not understand re-appointment of Maher. Please explain.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 21, 1890.

W. N. Griswold, M. D.,President Mining Stock Association,San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 1st, inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from the Acting Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, whom I instructed to investigate ^{my} report from the records of the mint, relative to certain deposits of

bullion made in the name of Wm. Garrard,
Superintendent.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th, inst., relative to certain bullion deposits made at the Carson mint during the year 1888, in the name of Wm. Garrard, Superintendent, I will thank you to inform me of the date of the instructions received from J. P. Kimball, Director of the Mint, viz: - "that in case of depositor shipping by express, directed to the U. S. Mint, or not appearing in person, the Superintendent shall act as Agent."

The regulations of January 17, 1887, which were the first issued by Dr. James P. Kimball, & the regulations of January 21, 1888, which were the last issued by him, as well as the new regulations which went into effect on the first of this month provide: - "That no person employed in the institution in which a deposit is made shall act as agent for the depositor."

The only provision that is made for depositing bullion in the name of the superintendent is for mail parcels containing deposits of bullion by registered mail. — If it is the practice at your mint now to deposit in the name of the Superintendent bullion received by ex-

press it is in violation of the regulations ^{and} will be discontinued.

In such cases the bullion should be deposited in the name of the express agent or of the depositor ^{and} not in the name of the Superintendent.

The coinage laws of the United States presume that transactions in bullion are with individuals ^{and} not with the officers appointed to superintend the business of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 21, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 9, dated Nov. 18, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 9, dated Nov. 10, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be $\$44,757.\frac{12}{100}$; charges $\$110.\frac{51}{100}$, ^{and} net value $\$44,640.\frac{61}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

— + + No. 9, dated Nov. 5;
1890, + + + + Shipment

No. 9, dated Oct., 31, 1890. + + + + +
 and the gross value found to be $\$54,555.\frac{17}{100}$; charges $\$13,491.\frac{1}{100}$; net value $\$41,064.\frac{26}{100}$. + +
 + + + + +

November 21, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th, instant you are authorized to have re-bound the Weigh Clerk's Book, Register of Assays on Gold Bullion ^{my} Register of Warrants for the payment of deposits, the work to be done in your City.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th, inst., relative to the coinage of the balance of silver bullion on hand at your mint, purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878, I telegraphed you to-day to coin this month the entire balance of silver bullion purchased under that Act; the purpose being to close out that account this month.

I must confess that I am at a loss to understand what the profits have to do with the coinage of a given quantity of bullion. If you have on hand $\$314,493.03$

standard ounces of silver it certainly must be practicable to make it into standard silver dollars, ^{and} the difference between what it cost ^{and} what it makes into dollars will be credited to "silver profit fund" as seigniorage.

Whether these profits remain on hand or are deposited in the Treasury, cannot affect in the most remote manner the practical question of coining up this silver. Evidently your book-keeper has in mind a daily statement which he renders to the Treasurer of the United States, on which he reports only the condition of the "Bullion fund".

You will please understand that what I desire is to have the entire stock of silver bullion at your mint, purchased under the Act of 1878, made this month into silver dollars, ^{and} the silver bullion purchase account of 1878 closed.

As I explained in my previous letter I am not prepared to cover the profits into the Treasury at this time for the reason that I may want to use them in the re-coining of subsidiary silver, in case Congress should authorize it, ^{and} if the profits are covered into the Treasury it may not be practicable to use them to pay the loss on such re-coining.

For this reason I have not been disposed to yield to what seems to me to be an unnecessary request, in no way connected with the practical operation of coining into silver dollars a given quantity of bullion, the profits on which can just as well appear in your hands as in the Treasurer's general account.

Very respectfully, — E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.
 Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of Wm. H. Dimond, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.) on account of profits on the coinage of silver bullion under the Act of July 14, 1890, and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.
 Sir:

I have requested that there be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, the sum of \$75,000., on account of profits on the coinage of silver bullion, under the Act of July 14, 1890, and that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.
 Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at San Francisco, be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at San Francisco, by telegraph.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: —

+ + + + +
 of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

November 21, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.), ^{and} that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully, — E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

Letter, similar to the foregoing except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + +
by a transfer of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000),
+ + + + with the Assistant
Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco by telegraph.

November 21, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., for the month ending October 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1890.

Messrs Eimer & Amend,

#205-11, Third Avenue,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 15th., instant for glassware ^{and} chemicals purchased for the use of Laboratory connected with this Bureau, amounting to \$35.45 has been approved, ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for

the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 21, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement your Ordinary expense account for the month ending October 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 21, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings ^{and} Expenditures for the quarter ending September 30, 1890, is herewith returned for correction.

Parting ^{and} Refining expenses should be \$116.50 instead of \$130.36.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer

be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-four Thousand One Hundred ³⁴/₁₀₀ Forty-eight ⁸⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$44,148.86), in Gold Coin, ⁴⁵/₁₀₀ Four Hundred ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Ninety-one ⁶¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$49,175.75), in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-four Thousand Six Hundred ⁶¹/₁₀₀ Forty ⁶¹/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$44,640.61), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 9, dated Nov. 18, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:—

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of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-three Thousand Seven Hundred ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ Thirteen ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$53,713.40), in Gold Coin, ⁸⁶/₁₀₀ Seven Hundred ⁸⁶/₁₀₀ Three ⁸⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$403.86), in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-four Thousand Four Hundred ²⁶/₁₀₀ Seventeen ²⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$54,417.26), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 9, dated Nov. 5, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

November 21, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— Report by mail to-day amount ^{and} cost of silver contained in local purchases ^{and} partings this month.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

November 21, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint.San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Telegraph at close of business to-day instead of to-morrow, amount ^{and} cost of local purchases ^{and} partings of Silver this month.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.Carson, Nevada.Superintendent, U. S. Mint.New Orleans, La.

November 21, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint.San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— You will coin this month the entire balance of silver bullion purchased under Act seventy-eight, without regard to the amount represented by profits. The profits have nothing to do with it. You are confusing your Mint accounts with the statement you render the Treasury.

Coin the entire stock of seventy-eight silver ^{and} the profits will take care of themselves.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 22, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S.

Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-eight Thousand Four Hundred ^{and} Sixty $\frac{29}{100}$ Dollars (\$58,460.29), in Gold Coin ^{and} Six Hundred ^{and} Sixty-two $\frac{63}{100}$ Dollars (\$662.63), in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-nine Thousand One Hundred ^{and} Twenty-two $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars (\$59,122.92), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No 10, dated Nov. 19, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 22, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 10, dated Nov. 19, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 10, dated Nov. 15, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau ^{and} the gross value found to be \$59,270.99, charges \$148.07, ^{and} net value \$59,122.92. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$300. from the appropriation for "Contingent expenses Office Director of the Mint," to meet your expenses in connection with the collection ^{and} compilation of the production of the precious metals in your State during the Calendar year 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will accept the offer of Messers Einwechter & Wyeth to deliver ten (10) tons of Beecha Spelter to the Quartermaster, U. S. Army for shipment to the Mint at San Francisco. I have requested Capt. John W. Pullman, Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. Army, 428 Arch St., to receive and forward the same. Before shipment, Messers Einwechter & Wyeth should ascertain from Capt. Pullman the depot where to have the Spelter delivered.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1890.

Capt. John W. Pullman,Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. Army,#28, Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Superintendent of the Mint to cause ten (10) tons of Bertha Spelter to be delivered to you by Messrs Einwechter & Wyeth, which I will thank you to receive ^{and} forward to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,

E. C. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to the vouchers for the shipment of standard silver dollars, forwarded with your bullion ^{and} coin accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1890, your attention is directed to the following items: -

Voucher No. 41, herewith returned is a duplicate, please forward the original.

Voucher ^{and} warrant No. 63 are herewith returned for correction, the amount should be \$7.62 instead of \$7.75.

You are instructed not to use ordinary expense warrants for paying shipments of silver dollars, but have the express company render a bill monthly as they do at all the other Mints. No warrant is necessary for the payment.

Your attention was directed to the fact that you had paid express charges

on the proceeds of gold deposits. You replied that you exchanged silver dollars for gold coins ^{and} paid express charges for shipping such dollars.

Your abstract sheets show that the deposits were paid in gold coin.

If they were paid in silver dollars the abstract sheets are erroneous.

Unless the depositors called for payment in silver dollars you were not warranted in incurring the expense of shipping silver dollars to them in the payment of gold deposits.

Many of the shipments are to points outside the limits of the state of Nevada, such as Anaconda, Montana; Salt Lake, Utah; Telluride, Colorado; Ogden, Utah; Bodie, California; ^{and} the express charges are exorbitant, ^{and} you had no authority to ship silver dollars to these points.

The authority which I gave you to ship silver dollars was within the limits of the state of Nevada ^{and} adjoining districts. You are not authorized to ship silver dollars to remote points unless specifically instructed to do so by the Treasurer of the United States.

Not only are the charges on these shipments excessive but there seems to be an entire lack of uniformity in the charges on shipments to the same points at different dates as you will see by the following memorandum which you will please explain.

Charges to Candelara \$2.90 per thousand but on \$500. \$1.95.

Warrant No. 56, - charges to the same place on \$112. 50 cents; ^{and} warrant No. 9, charges on \$127. 90 cents.

Warrant No. 26, charges on \$2500. to Anaconda, Montana, \$30.60.

Warrant No. 11, charges on the same amount to the same point \$33.15.

Warrant No. 31, charges on \$500. to Taylor, Nevada, \$7.60. — Warrant No. 14, same amount, to same place \$7.65.

Warrant No. 4, charges on \$500. to Bodie, California, — \$3.10. — Warrant No. 28, the same.

Warrant No. 36, — \$2.85.

Warrant No. 55, — \$2.25.

Warrant No. 39, shipment of \$500. to Lovelocks, Nevada, — \$2.50. Warrant No. 15, same amount ^{any} place, — \$2.25.

Evidently the express company has been allowed to charge whatever they pleased for shipping silver dollars, ^{any} no attention has been paid to the rates.

These inconsistencies will not be allowed in the settlement of your accounts.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

November 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury draft No. 4796 on the Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans in your favor for the sum of seventy four dollars (\$74.), the same being the value of special assay coins forwarded by you during the quarter ended September 30, 1890.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, ^{except as follows} to the following: — (Over) —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

— + + Treasury draft No. 6217
 on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco +
 + + for the sum of two hundred ^{and} forty-
 four dollars (\$244). + + + +

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + Treasury draft No.
 23780 on the Assistant Treasurer at Philadel-
 phia + + + for the sum of seventy-
 four dollars (\$74). + + +

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + Treasury draft
 No. 6216 on the Assistant Treasurer at San
 Francisco + + + for the sum of three
 hundred ^{and} seventy-six dollars (\$376), the same
 + + + + +

November 24, 1890.
To the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Co.,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to state the lowest
 price per pound at which you will deliver to
 the U. S. Mint at New Orleans ten (10) tons of
 best ingot copper.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to the following: —

Ansonia Copper & Brass Co.,
P. O. Box 2375,
New York.

November 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward daily quotations for October 4, as none has been received from you.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

You will please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, twenty (20) of silver dollar dies for the calendar year 1891.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1890.

So Phine Roberts,
Yekamah, Nebraska.

Madam:

The mutilated silver coin (amounting to 90 cents) forwarded by you, has been sent to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for redemption.

Respectfully yours, E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I return herewith your statements of silver purchased, - form #64 for September²⁴ & October, that you may enter thereon the amount of partings, bar charges²⁴ & fractions. I will thank you to be particular hereafter to see that these forms correspond with form #193 as to the amount of silver purchased.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1890.

Willis Brown, Esq.,
Lawrence National Bank,
Lawrence, Kans.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 15th, inst., addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency, requesting a few copies of the "Free Coinage Act" passed by the last Congress, you are respectfully informed that no Free Coinage Act was passed at the last session of Congress. Enclosed herewith are several copies of the silver law of July 14, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1890.

The Financial & Mining Record,
Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

I have received a bill approved by Spruille Braden, late Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for subscription to your paper for 54 months - from the 26th, of March, 1886, to the 6th, of September, 1890, amounting to \$18.00.

I beg to inquire whether Mr. Braden subscribed to the Record in his individual capacity or as a public officer, ^{and} if in the latter capacity, why no bill was rendered until after he had gone out of office, ^{and} until after the appropriations from which it could be paid have lapsed by limitation of law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1890.

A. H. Bushey,
Supt. of Public Instruction,
Council Grove, Kans.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th, inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I send you as requested a copy of the new silver law.

In regard to the denominations of Treasury notes issued in payment for silver bullion, I would say that it was necessary to issue large notes at first, for the reason that we could not engrave ^{and} print a sufficient amount of money in 30 days to commence

the purchase of silver, except in large denominations; but the Department is now receiving Treasury notes of small denominations - one's, two's, five's, and ten's, ^{and} it will be the policy of the Department to pay out small denominations of Treasury notes as far as practicable in the purchase of silver bullion.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination ^{and} settlement, two accounts of the Southern Pacific (Central Pacific) Railway Co., for the transportation in the months of March ^{and} April, 1890, from Ogden ^{and} Army Point to San Francisco of Mint supplies, amounting to \$9.02 consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1890.

Duplicate bills of lading herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

— + + + + +
+ + + + in the months of February, March, April & May, 1890, between San Francisco ^{and} Reno of Mint supplies, amount

ing to \$426.22, + + + + +
 Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1890,
\$233.48, ²⁴ from Parting & Refining Bullion \$492.74.
 + + + + +

November 25, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck ²⁴ for-
 ward to this Bureau as early as practicable
 eighteen (18) silver Indian peace medals for
 the Interior Department from the dies now
 in your possession bearing the vignette of
 the President of the United States, the cost
 not to exceed \$200. You will also
 submit your account for the same for pay-
 ment.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 25, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction statement
 of silver delivered by the Consolidated Kan-
 sas City Smelting & Refining Company on
 their sale of the 19th, instant of 54,000
 ounces at \$0.9734. The value as given
 is \$49,927.23, when it should, if the weight
 given be correct, be \$47,927.23.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 25, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment and settlement a bill of the Waterbury Garrah Foundry ^{and} Machine Co., amounting to \$600. for the manufacture of a Trimming Press for the use of your Mint. The amount will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 26, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of November, 1890, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:—

20 U. S. Dollars,	\$20.00
60 Dimes,	6.00
Total,	<u>26.00.</u>

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + +
 Two (2) Standard Silver dollars from delivery No. 257;
 Ten (10) dimes from delivery No. 258.

November 26, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Forward requisition for dies for calendar year eighteen ninety-one immediately.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 26, 1890.

W. H. De Young, Esq.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your bill of the 19th., instant for subscription to the San Francisco Chronicle, daily edition, for one year to Nov. 19, 1891, purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$6.70 has been approved, ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

November 26, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Seven Hundred ^{and} Sixty-six ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$25,766.00), in Gold Coin, ^{and} Four Hundred ^{and} Thirteen ⁰³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$413.63) in

Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-six Thousand One Hundred ⁶³/₁₀₀ Seventy-nine ⁶³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$26,179.⁶³/₁₀₀), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 13, dated Nov. 21st, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 26, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 13, dated Nov. 21, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 13, dated Nov. 13, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$26,250.⁶⁸/₁₀₀; charges \$7.⁰⁵/₁₀₀, ^{and} net value 26,179.⁶³/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th, instant you are authorized to have made in your city a Register of Bars containing

200 pages ^{my} in Half Russia cloth sides, for use in your Mint.

No expensive binding will be allowed in the accounts by the accounting officers.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th., instant, you are informed that my letter of the 24th., instant, in reference to dies for the mint at New Orleans, should read "twenty pairs of standard silver dollar dies for the calendar year 1891."

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, Nev., by telegraph to forward requisition for dies for the calendar year 1891.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your register of deposits for the quarter ended September 30th., 1890, has been received.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1890.

Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Company,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore Md.

Gentlemen: -

Your offer to deliver to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, ten (10) tons of best Ingot-Copper at $15\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound is respectfully declined.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1890.

American Brass & Copper Co.,
P. O. Box 2376,
New York.

Gentlemen: -

Your offer to deliver ten (10) tons of best Ingot-Copper, anchor brand, to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans at $15\frac{1}{4}$ cents per pound, is accepted ^{and} I will thank you to forward the copper as early as practicable. In accepting this offer it is understood that the delivery is to be made free of all charges.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You are authorized to confine your gold coinage for the month of December, to eagles ^{and} half-eagles.

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Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have purchased from the Ansonia Brass & Copper Company of New York, ten (10) tons of the best Ingot Copper, anchor brand, to be delivered at your Mint at 15 1/4 cents per pound, free of all charges.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7823 for \$130,000., being on account of Minor Coinage Profits inclosed in your communication of the 25th, inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion account, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: —

— C. D. No. 7824, for \$29,756.87, being on account of Balance of Standard Silver Dollar Profits on Coinage, Act, 1878, + +

+ + of the 26th, inst., + + +
 + + + + + + +
 as profits on Coinage Standard Silver dollars,
 Oct. 1878.

November 26, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— You are authorized to employ four additional men ^{and} the same number of ladies in the Coiners department of your Mint from the first proximo.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 28, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— With your concurrence I will order eagle ^{and} half-eagle dies for next year's coinage instead of double eagle.
 Please answer by wire.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

November 28, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (25,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said

institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S.
at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund
of your Institution be increased by a transfer
of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.) ^{and}
that the same be placed to your credit with
the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at
New York.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

November 28, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to your ordinary expense ac-
count for the month of September your
attention is directed to the following vouchers:

Voucher No. 17, bill of the Journal Publish-
ing Co., for books, amounting to \$46.78 is in
violation of law ^{and} the regulations.

Your attention is directed to sections 1
^{and} 8 of article 27 of the regulations, which
require that all blank books shall be ob-
tained from the public printer at Wash-
ington, ^{and} that no purchase of stationery
or books can be made in any case unless

authority is first obtained from the Director.

It is very doubtful whether this bill will be allowed by the accounting officers of the Department, ^{and} before giving it my approval you will please explain whether you had any authority from the Bureau for these purchases, ^{and} if not, how you happened to make them without such authority.

Vouchers Nos. #18 ^{and} #19 of the Helena Gas Light ^{and} Coke Co., for the month of September for gas consumed amounting to \$126.05.

It seems to me, in view of the fact that you have an electric light plant, that this is an extraordinary expense.

According to this bill it would appear that it costs over \$100. a month to run the gas engine, ^{and} that it costs about \$15.00 a month for light in addition to the electric light plant.

It seems to me that some arrangements should be made by which the cost of gas could be largely reduced.

You will please explain this large expense ^{and} what the estimated cost will be for the future.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director

November 28, 1890.

Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Co.,

Keyser Building,

Baltimore, Md.

Telegram.

— Too late. Award made.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

November 28, 1890.

Hon. E. H. Conger,Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Sir:

The information requested in the circular letter of the Department of State, dated December, 1889, relative to the coinage, production^{and} movement of the precious metals during the calendar year 1889, has not been received at this bureau.

It is important that the information should be forwarded so as to reach this bureau before the end of next month.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 10, dated Nov. 26th, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 10, dated Nov. 17, 1890, has been received^{and} examined at this Bureau,^{and} the gross value found to be \$26,456.⁷²; charges \$66.²⁵,^{and} net value \$26,389.⁴⁷. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Letters similar to the foregoing, except as follows, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

St. Louis, Mo.

— Deposit Memorandum No. 128, dated
Nov. 25, 1890, + + + +
+ + Shipment No. 128, dated Nov.
22, 1890, + + + + and
the gross value found to be \$22,288.⁴⁵; char-
ges \$8.44, and net value \$22,230.⁰¹. + +
+ + + + + +

— To same address:—

— Deposit Memorandum No. 129, dated
Nov. 25, 1890, + + + + + +
+ + Shipment No. 129, dated Nov.
22, 1890, + + + + + and
the gross value found to be \$17,806.³⁵; charges
\$0.77, and net value \$17,755.⁵⁸. + +
+ + + + + +

November 28, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a trans-
fer be made from the Bullion Fund of
the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that
of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum
of Twenty-six Thousand One Hundred and
Thirty-three ⁹⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$26,133.⁹⁴), in
Gold Coin and Two Hundred and Fifty-five ⁵³/₁₀₀
Dollars (\$255.⁵³), in Silver Coin, making
a total of Twenty-six Thousand Three Hun-
dred and Eighty-nine ⁴⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$26,389.⁴⁷), be-
ing the net value of Bullion heretofore for-
warded by the Assayer in charge of the Uni-
ted States Assay Office at Helena, as

shown by Memorandum No. 10, dated Nov. 25th, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address:—

— + + + + +
from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ Thirty-one $\frac{82}{100}$ (\$21,931.82), in Gold Coin, $\frac{3}{4}$ Two Hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ Ninety-eight $\frac{19}{100}$ Dollars (\$298.19), in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-two Thousand Two Hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ Thirty $\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars (\$22,230.01), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 128 dated Nov. 26, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

— + + + + +
from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ Seventy-one $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars (\$17,471.37), in Gold Coin, $\frac{3}{4}$ Two Hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ Eighty-four $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars (\$284.21), in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ Fifty-five $\frac{58}{100}$ (\$17,755.58) being the net value + + + + +
+ + as shown by Memorandum No. 129, dated Nov. 25th, 1890, + + +
+ + + + +

November 29, 1890.

Hon. William Windom.Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of Two Hundred ^{and} Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury notes, ^{and} that the same be shipped to the Superintendent of said institution in notes of denominations of 5^{and} 10 dollars.

Respectfully yours,

C. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address: —

+ + + + +
 of the United States Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury notes ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

+ + + + +
 of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury notes, ^{and} that the same be placed +
 + + + + +

+ + + + +
 of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), by a transfer of that amount in

lawful money, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boise City National Bank.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred ^{and} Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000), ^{and} that the same be shipped in Treasury notes of denominations of 5 ^{and} 10 dollars.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech.

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:—

— + + + +
+ + be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), ^{and} that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Similar except as follows, to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + +
+ + be increased by a transfer of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000), ^{and} that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at New York, in Treasury notes.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

(Over) —

+ + be increased by a transfer of
Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) and that the
same be placed to your credit with the Boise
City National Bank.

November 29, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

Request by letter proposals from lo-
cal dealers to furnish the kind and quantity
of coal you require, for consideration at a
given hour, subject to the approval of the
Director, and telegraph me the lowest responsi-
ble offer with your recommendation.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Telegram.

Ascertain on Monday the visible stock
of silver bullion in New York as nearly as
possible. Have Handy & Harman telegraph
to the refineries they represent to ascertain
approximately the stock they have. Have
the Kansas City people do the same. Have
Clark, Dodge & Co., ascertain the same by tele-
graph from the Omaha and Grant people.
When you have the data complete reply fully
and confidentially by mail.

E. O. Leech,

Director.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 28th, instant reporting that the Consolidated Kansas City Sm. & Ref. Co., is short on their delivery on their sale of November 17th, 2,545.84 ounces. I find upon examination of the records of this Bureau that this company made two sales on that day, as follows, — 50,000 ounces at \$1.00 and 50,000 at \$1.0003. You have reported to the Bureau the delivery of 51,397.70 ounces on the latter sale. The excess delivered should have been applied on the sale at \$1.00 per ounce and I cannot understand why this application was not made by you.

In order to obviate a change in your accounts and the records of this Bureau, I have requested the Consolidated Kansas City Sm. & Ref. Co., to deliver 1,000 ounces more on their sale of the 17th, at \$1.00 per ounce. When this is done the difference between the amount sold and amount delivered will be about 148 ounces.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your attention is called to a discrepancy in the number of ounces delivered by the Selby Smelting & Lead Co., on their sale

of 40,000 ounces on the 3rd, instant as reported in your letter of the 6th, instant ^{and} your statement of silver purchased from Nov. 2nd to Nov. 8th. In the former you give the amount as 41,743.40, ^{and} in the latter as 41,668.64.

In reporting the deliveries on department purchases by letter, it is very desirable that the correct amount should be given.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause the following dies for the calendar year 1891, to be prepared ^{and} forwarded to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. as early as practicable: —

Twenty (20)	Reverse Standard Silver Dollar dies;	
Twenty (20)	Obverse " " "	"
Five (5)	Reverse Double-Eagle	"
Five (5)	Obverse " "	"
Five (5)	Reverse Eagle	"
Five (5)	Obverse " "	"
Five (5)	Reverse Half-Eagle	"
Five (5)	Obverse " "	"

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to forward you the following dies: —

20 pairs of Standard silver dollar dies,
 5- " " double-eagle "
 5- " " eagle "
 5- " " half-eagle "

for the calendar year 1891.

If it is desirable that you should confine your gold coinage to eagles ^{and} half-eagles as far as practicable, coining only such amount of double eagles as may be actually required.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Resume local purchases of silver Monday morning ^{and} pay until further notice one-dollar ^{and} seven cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following. —

Superintendent, Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will resume local purchases of silver Monday morning ^{and} pay until further notice \$1.07 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 29, 1890.

Publisher of "The Evening Post,"
#208, Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

I desire to renew the subscription of this Bureau to the Evening Post for one year, ^{and} you will please forward your account for the same for payment.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 29, 1890.

Consolidated Kansas City Sm. & Ref. Co.,
#20, Nassau Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia reports that you are short in your delivery on your sale of 50,000 ounces at \$1.02 on the 17th, instant, 2,545.84 ounces. I find upon examination that you delivered on your sale of that day at \$1.003, 1,397 ounces in excess, which, if applied to your

sale at \$1.00 per ounce, would have left only 1,148 ounces due. In view of this fact I have to request that you will deliver 1,000 ounces more on the former sale in order to make the delivery approximate more closely to the amount sold. It is very desirable that Sellers should make their deliveries so as to approximate within 500 ounces of the sales.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will confine your coinage of silver in December to silver bullion purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878, coining as many silver dollars as practicable with your present force, without working overtime.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You will coin during the month of December, Eight Hundred Thousand (\$800,000.) silver dollars.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:—
(See over) —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Two-Hundred-Thousand (200,000) silver dollars.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

One-Million-Six-Hundred-Thousand (1,600,000) silver dollars.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward Assayer's report on petty gold deposits No. 303 1/2, date August 13, 1890. It cannot be found in bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 28th, inst., you are authorized to purchase a suitable tool-grinder for the use of your machine shop. I think you should invite proposals to furnish such machine unless your machinist desires one particular make, in which case you should ask for the lowest cash price.

You are authorized to purchase two

office desks for the use of the abstract^{ing} warrant clerks, exercising due economy in their selection.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

November 29, 1890.

J. W. Porter, Esq.,

Charlottesville, Va.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 27th, inst., I send you by mail to-day a copy of the annual report of the Director of the Mint, 1890, just received from the printer, which gives the information you desire.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

November 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I send you by mail to-day a copy of Clarke's "Table of Specific Gravities" requested in your letter of recent date.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

December 1, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In order to enable me to estimate for your proclamation, as required by law, the

values of the standard coins of the world, as well as to continue the compilation of the monetary statistics of foreign countries, I have the honor to recommend that the enclosed list of questions covering the calendar year 1890, be transmitted to the Department of State with the request that copies be addressed to representatives of the United States abroad for reply.

I beg to suggest that the replies, in the form of a report, by the diplomatic officers of the United States, be transmitted directly to this Bureau as was done by direction of the Secretary of State, for the calendar year 1889.

Very respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Interrogatories.

- (1). - What was the amount of gold coined during the calendar year 1890, by denominations ^{and} values? What amount was re-coined (withdrawn from circulation), during the year, domestic ^{and} foreign coins separately?
- (2). - Same for silver.
- (3). - What was the import ^{and} export of gold during the calendar year 1890? Coin, bullion ^{and} ore should be given separately where practicable.
- (4). - Same for silver.
- (5). - What was the weight, expressed in kilograms, ^{and} the value of the gold produced from the mines during the calendar year 1890?
- (6). - Same for silver.

(7). - What, approximately, was the stock of gold coin $\frac{2}{3}$ bullion in the country at the close of the calendar year 1890?

(8). - Same for silver.

(9). - What was the amount of Government $\frac{2}{3}$ bank notes outstanding at the same date?

(10). - Were any laws passed during the year 1890 affecting the coinage, issue, or legal-tender character of the metallic $\frac{2}{3}$ paper circulation?

- If so, please transmit copies.

(11). - In case the report of the operations of the mint is published, please forward a copy.

December 1, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Merchants' National Bank at Helena.

Respectfully yours,

C. W. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have

been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

Boston ^{and} Colorado

Smelting Company, 80,000 Ounces, at \$1.074.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—
Wand & Harman,	<u>50,000</u>	Ounces,	at	<u>\$1.0725</u> ;		
Wand & Harman,	<u>150,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.075</u> ;		
Fourth National Bank,	<u>30,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.069</u> ;		
Fourth National Bank,	<u>50,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.069</u> ;		
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,	<u>100,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.068</u> ;		
Grimmerman & Forshay,	<u>25,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.0749</u> .		

December 1, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please forward statement of silver delivered by Kohn, Popper & Co., on their sale of 50,000 ounces on the 19th., ultimo, at \$0.975 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) ^{and} that the same be placed to your credit with the Merchants' National Bank at Helena.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1890.

Ansonia Brass & Copper Co.,
P. O. Box 2375,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith your account for 20,000 pounds of copper shipped the U. S. Mint at New Orleans with the request that you will make the account out in the name of that Mint, in duplicate ^{and} receipt the same, as it will facilitate the payment thereof.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1890.

A. Hanauer, Esq.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

I forward to your address by to-days mail 500 envelopes as requested in your letter of 25th, ultimo.

Respectfully yours, E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Instructions were given you to coin \$250,000 in dimes during the month of November, ^{and} on the 30th, of October I sent you a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury with instructions to coin \$1,000,000 in quarter-dollars as rapidly as the business of the mint would permit.

I find from your coinage statement for the month of November that only \$128,000 (about half the amount ordered) in dimes were coined, ^{and} no quarter-dollars.

In cases where instructions are given the mint to coin a specific amount, namely: \$250,000 in dimes, ^{and} the Department is not informed that there is any obstacle in the way of such coinage it is taken for granted that the coinage will be executed.

If it was found impracticable to execute the full quota of coinage required you should have so informed the Bureau in due season to enable the Department to make other arrangements in regard to such coinage.

I will thank you to explain why the full quota of dimes was not coined, ^{and} why no quarter-dollars were coined during the month of November.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

December 1, 1890.

Ottomar Kaupf, Esq.,
28, Rue St. Georges,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 21st, ultimo, I send you by mail to-day a copy of my annual report which has just been received from the printer.

The reference to it which you saw in the papers was simply a brief abstract which I gave the press. I always send you the publications of this bureau as soon as they are received from the printer. I shall send you a library edition of the report in a few days.

I did not reply to your confidential letter for the reason that there was nothing that I could say. There is no authority of law for the employment of any agent for the purpose of inducing favorable action by foreign governments in regard to silver, nor is the United States engaged in any effort to artificially advance the price of that metal.

It was thought that we needed more currency in this country to keep pace with the growing population ^{and} business, ^{and} the purchase of silver was found to be a convenient method of supplying such currency; at the same time it was hoped that the large absorption of silver by this Government would materially ^{and} permanently increase the value of silver, which we believe would be a great blessing to the world.

There is a strong ^{and} growing senti-

ment in this country, which is now almost universal, that the world cannot afford to discard either metal as money. But whether other nations find it to their advantage to use silver as money or not is a matter which each must decide for itself, but I am very certain that it will have no potential influence in determining the action of the people of this country in regard to an extended use of silver as money.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram.

— You will pay no expressage on Treasury notes. The expressage will be paid by the Department under a contract which we have made.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

December 1, 1890.

A. Hanauer,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Telegram.

— Will forward envelopes at once. Have circulars printed in Salt Lake ^{and} forward bill.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

December 1, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Ascertain the approximate stock of silver
 bullion in banks [&] refineries in San Francisco.
 Telegraph confidentially in round numbers to-
 night or to-morrow morn.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to:—

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

— + + + + +
 + my private works in Nevada. + +
 + + + + +

December 1, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

— Twenty-five-thousand dollars pla-
 ced to your credit at New York.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

December 1, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th,
 ultimo, relative to placing funds with the
 assistant-treasurer at Philadelphia, for
 the payment of silver purchased by the
 mint, I would say that you are supplied
 with Treasury notes [&] instructed to pay for
 all local purchases in such notes over the
 counter, which I presume you are doing. (over) —

If there are at any time sales of silver to the Government in large quantities by firms or individuals in Philadelphia, you will please inform me ^{and} I will have money placed to your credit with the assistant treasurer at Philadelphia to pay for the same.

I am not informed as yet that there have been any sales of silver to the Government, at Philadelphia, by local dealers aside from small lots which you are authorized to pay for over the counter.

There have been no offers for the sale of silver to this Department by Philadelphia parties. There is not the slightest objection upon the part of the Treasury to place funds with the assistant treasurer at Philadelphia to pay for silver purchases as soon as any silver is offered for sale.

Has any seller of silver to the Treasury asked you for a draft on Philadelphia?

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 1, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 29th, ultimo, relative to the impatience of local depositors to sell silver, I would say that the Secretary is only authorized to purchase 4,500,000 ounces of silver monthly, ^{and} when that amount was purchased in November local purchases were suspended at all of the mints. — You have been

instructed to resume local purchases commencing to-day.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 1, 1890.

Telegram.

Zimmerman & Gorshay,
#11, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Confirmed.

Nevada Bank,

San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

W. Louisa & Co.,

San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,

#29, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Similar except as follows, to:—

Confirmed.

Fourth National Bank,

New York.

— + offers + .

December 1, 1890.

Telegram.

J. & S. Wormser,

New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:— over —

Confirmed.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Wells, Fargo & Co.,
New York.

December 1, 1890.

Telegram.

Bank of California,
San Francisco, Cal.
 — Your offer received too late for con-
 sideration but would have been declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to the same:
 — Your second offer + + +
 + + +

December 1, 1890.

Telegram.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

— Receive forty-thousand ounces silver
 from Nevada Bank at one dollar six ^{and}
 three-fourths cents per ounce fine, ^{and} forty-
 one thousand ounces from W. Louisa & Co., at
 one dollar ^{and} seven cents.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

December 1, 1890.

Telegram.

Hendy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street, New York.

— Your offer of fifty thousand ounces silver at one dollar seven ^{and} one-quarter

cents, ^{any} of one-hundred ^{and} fifty-thousand ounces
 Confirmed, at one dollar, seven ^{any} one-half cents accepted.
 Others declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

For Dec. 1,
 See p. 301.

December 2, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the
 expenses of your institution during the
 month of December, 1890, has been approved
 for the sum of \$6,300., payable from the
 following appropriations made for the
 support of your Office during the cur-
 rent fiscal year, viz:—

Salaries,	1891,	<u>\$3,300.</u>
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	<u>2,200.</u>
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>800.</u>

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + +
 + + has been approved for the
 sum of \$27,000., + + +
 + + Mint + + +

Salaries,	1891,	<u>\$4,000.</u>
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	<u>18,000.</u>
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>5,000.</u>

December 2, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 11, dated Nov. 29, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 11, dated Nov. 22, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be \$19,719.⁰⁰, charges \$49.⁵⁹, and net value \$19,669.⁴¹. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced to you the sum of \$5,000., to meet the expenses of the refinery of your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Packing and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:-
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

— + + + +

the sum of \$8,000. + + + +
+ + + + +

December 2, 1890.

Omaha & Grant Smelting Co.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

The Department would like to know confidentially, for official purposes, the approximate stock of Silver Bullion which your refinery holds. Please answer by wire.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

December 1, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Coast Survey,

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Carson City has forwarded to this Bureau one set of test weights in use at that Mint for adjustment. I will thank you to inform me if the work can be done by the Bureau of Weights ^{and} Measures.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 2, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred ^{and} Ninety-nine ⁹²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$19,499.⁹²/₁₀₀), in Gold Coin, ^{and}

One Hundred ³⁴/₁₀₀ Sixty-nine ⁶⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$169.69),
in Silver Coin, making a total of Nineteen Thou-
sand Six Hundred ³⁴/₁₀₀ Sixty-nine ⁶⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars —
(\$19,669.69), being the net value of Bullion hereto-
fore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the
United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown
by Memorandum No. 11, dated Nov. 29, 1890, of Gold
Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 2, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Reduce purchasing rate of silver to
one dollar ³⁴/₁₀₀ six cents to take effect im-
mediately.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 2, 1890.

Wm. O. Payne, Esq.,
Clerk, Committee, Coinage, Weights ³⁴/₁₀₀ Measures,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a package containing

thirteen copies, library edition, of my last fiscal report for the use of the members of the Committee on Coinage, Weights [&] Measures.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Hon. Justin S. Morrill,

Chairman, Committee on Finance,
United States Senate.

I have the honor to send you a package containing eleven copies + + + for the use of the members of your committee.

December 3, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— One million dollars in Treasury notes has been placed to your credit at New York.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

December 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 2nd, inst., I beg to inquire whether the Kansas City Consolidated Smelting [&] Refining Co., are willing to accept checks on Philadelphia in payment of their sales of silver to the Government. If so I will have Treasury notes placed to your credit with the assistant treasurer at Philadelphia.

As I said in my former letter on this

subject, there is not the slightest objection upon the part of the Treasury to placing Treasury notes to your credit with the assistant treasurer at Philadelphia if there is any means of utilizing them, but unless sellers of silver are willing to accept checks on Philadelphia in payment of purchases from them it would be useless to do so.

You are already authorized to pay over the counter for local purchases and payments in Treasury notes.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 2nd, inst., relative to coinage, you are authorized to coin in addition to the silver dollars already assigned you \$20,000 in half-eagles; \$20,000 in quarter-eagles, and \$6,000 in half-dollars.

The Department desires that you shall coin at the earliest practicable moment, \$250,000 in dimes.

I would like you to execute some quarter-dollars during this month but will fix no limit as to the amount, possibly \$20,000 or \$50,000 will do.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 3, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. E. C. Richmond be promoted from a clerkship at \$900. to one at \$1,000. in this bureau.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,Carson, Nev.

Telegram. — Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar five ^{my} one-fourth cents.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Superintendent, Mint,New Orleans, La.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

December 3, 1890.

Nevada Bank,San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— your offer declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

(see over) —

Confirmed. Bank of California,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. E. H. Cullen, Cashier, Natl. Bank, Republic,
New York.

Confirmed. J. & S. Wormser,
New York.

Confirmed. Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51, Wall Street, New York.

Similar, except as follows, to: —
J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.
— + offers +.

Confirmed. — + offers +.

December 3, 1890.

Telegram. Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer of one hundred thous-
and ounces silver at one dollar five ^{and} nine-
ty-five hundredths cents accepted. Others de-
clined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams except as follows, to the following: —
Grimmerman & Gorshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed. — + + of twenty-five
thousand ounces silver at one dollar five
^{and} eighty-nine hundredths cents accepted.
Other declined.

Confirmed. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29, Wall Street, New York.
— + + of fifty-thousand ounces

silver at one dollar five ^{and} six tenths cents accepted.

December 3, 1890.

Gimmerman & Forshay,

#11, Wall Street, New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer of fifty thousand ounces received at three twenty, ^{and} will not be considered. Offers will be considered only when received by one P.M. on days of purchase.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

December 3, 1890.

N. G. Torrance,

#60, Wall Street, New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer accepted.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to:—

Fourth National Bank,

New York.

Confirmed.

— 4 offers + .

November 3, 1890.

Weidelsbach, Schelheimer & Co.,

New York.

Telegram.

— Your offers received too late for consideration.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

December 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,

New York.

Sir:

Enclosed is a list of firms who re-

sponded to a circular letter from this Bureau, dated December 23, 1889, as to the amount of gold ^{and} silver bars furnished for use in the industrial arts.

I will thank you to examine the list ^{and} strike from it the names of such firms as you have reason to know have not furnished any bars for industrial use during the current calendar year, ^{and} to add to it the names of such firms, with their addresses, as you have reason to believe have furnished bars of gold ^{and} silver to jewelers ^{and} others for industrial use during the same period.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

December 3, 1890.

William E. Curtis, Esq.,

Commercial Bureau of the American Republics,

Department of State,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

As requested in your communication of the first instant, I have prepared, ^{and} transmit herewith, a table showing the denominations ^{and} values of the various gold ^{and} silver coins authorized by law to be coined in the various countries of the American hemisphere.

The values of the gold coins are given by comparing the amount of pure gold contained in each with the quantity of pure gold in the gold dollar of the United States.

The values of the silver coins are given by comparing the amount of pure silver contained in each with the amount of pure

Silver contained in the standard silver dollar of the United States, $\frac{2}{3}$ in a separate column the commercial values of ^{the} Silver coins are given, based upon the commercial value of silver, used in estimating the value of foreign silver coins estimated by me ^{and} proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury on October 1, of the present year, pursuant to law.

Very truly yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1890.

Messrs Hoady & Harman,
24, Nassau Street, New York.

Gentlemen:

For your information I send you a verbatim copy of your telegram making offers of Silver as received at this Bureau to-day.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1890.

Messrs Heidelberg, Ischelheimer & Co.,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to-day was received at 1.48, nearly three quarters of an hour after the Secretary had acted upon the offer.

I will state for your information, however, that all but the one offer of 10,000 ounces at \$1.0585 would have been declined. It is very desirable that bidders should send their telegrams in time to reach this bu-

read by 1 P. M.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th., instant^{ly} your statement of silver purchased from November 16th., to 22nd., I have to call your attention to the discrepancy between the amounts stated as delivered by the Selby Smelting^{and} Lead Company on their sale of the 14th., ultimo. In future before reporting by letter the amount delivered on any special purchase, you will be careful to report the exact amount in fine ounces, as it is important that the amounts should be correctly reported in the first instance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of December, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$231.70, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:—

Salaries,	1891,	<u>\$231.70.</u>
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Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your telegram of the 2nd instant reporting the balance of silver bullion on hand at the close of business, 29th, ultimo, from which it appears that there still remains of the bullion purchased under the Act of 1878, 53,339 ounces.

I cannot understand why after the specific instructions that were given you to coin all the silver purchased under the Act of 1878, into silver dollars last month you failed to do so ^{as} you are hereby instructed to coin this bullion in addition to the amount allotted you in my letter of the 1st, instant, viz: - 200,000 silver dollars, even if your gold coinage has to be deferred.

If, for any reason, you are unable to execute the full amount of dollar coinage assigned your mint, you will notify the bureau promptly, but at all events the balance of '78 bullion must be coined this month.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

Fourth National Bank, —	50,000	Ounces at	\$1.057,
Fourth National Bank, —	50,000	" "	1.0545,
Zimmerman & Horshay, —	25,000	" "	1.0589,
Kesslage, Colgate & Co., —	50,000	" "	1.056,
Wand & Harman, —	100,000	" "	1.0595,
N. F. Torrance, —	46,000	" "	1.0575.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Local purchases of three-hundred thousand ounces in two days excessive ^{and} demonstrate that holders of large lots are running in their silver. The price is uncertain. Refuse large lots. Sellers must compete with other holders.

E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Confirmed.

December 3, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— The lowest bid should be accepted unless there are strong reasons to the contrary. You should have asked for bids on the same quality of coal. I cannot authorize acceptance of the highest bid on the present information.

E. O. Leech,
 Director.

December 3, 1890.

Hon. John W. Noble,
Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Eighteen (18) silver Indian Peace medals struck in compliance with your request of the 22nd, ultimo. I also enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the medals ^{and} expressage, amounting to \$181.25, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted in his favor under cover to this bureau as early as practicable.

You will please acknowledge receipt of these medals.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir: — Herewith enclosed please find bill

in duplicate, of the E. W. Bliss Co., for one
#57 Power Clipping Press, amounting to \$255.00.

Upon receipt of the press in good order, the
bill will be paid by you by draft in favor
of the Company.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 4, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the prop-
er accounting officers of the Department for
examination ^{and} settlement a bill of the Sta-
tionery division, Treasury Department, for Sta-
tionery shipped you on the 2nd, of Oct., 1890,
amounting to \$64.48, payable from the appro-
priation for Contingent Expenses of your Office
fiscal year 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 4, 1890.

J. C. Mendenhall, Esq.,
Superintendent, Coast ^{and} Geodetic Survey
^{and} of Weights ^{and} Measures.

Sir:

I forward herewith a box containing a
set of test weights from the U. S. Mint at
Carson, Nev., for verification which service
you have kindly consented to render, in
your letter of the 3rd. instant.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith your statement of silver purchased from Nov. 1 to Nov. 18, for correction as to footing of Partings, Charges ^{and} Bar Fractions. The amount of the three separate entries would be 2,686.91 St. oz. - while it is given on the statement as 3,286.91 St. oz., followed by its equivalent in fine oz., (2,958.21).

You will also please enter the cost of the partings, charges ^{and} bar fractions.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd., instant enclosing bill, in duplicate of the E. W. Bliss Co., for the manufacture one #51 Power Clipping Press for the use of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, I have to say that the bill has this day been forwarded to the Assayer in Charge at Helena with instructions to pay same upon receipt of the press.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

December 4, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts^{and} vouchers, for the month ending November 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

December 4, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Telegram

Confirmed. — Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and four cents, to take effect immediately.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 4, 1890.

Carson Lake, Esq.,
"The Press,"

#38, Park Row, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 2nd, inst., I send you by mail to-day a bound copy of the report on the production of the

precious metals for the calendar year 1889, ^{and} also a copy of my last fiscal report.

I have no advices in regard to the production of silver since 1889 but hope to have the statistics for the calendar year 1890 compiled some time in February.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1890.

Benj. Durfee, Esq.,
Clerk, Committee on Finance,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir:

I return herewith to the files of the Committee on Finance the papers in the case of Louis Desmarais, which you sent me on Oct. 2, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1890.

Wm. O. Payne, Esq.,
Clerk, Committee on Coinage, Weights ^{and} Measures,
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in forwarding two additional copies of the library edition of my last fiscal report; one for the additional member of the Committee ^{and} the other for yourself.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1890.

Telegram.
Confirmed.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

— Accept offer of Galt for coal.
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 4, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending November 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 5, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I return Duplicate Receipts for Silver Bullion purchased during the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1890. Please send the originals.

Aug., 7, 1890,	Wandy & Harman,	\$40,469.10,
Aug. 30,	do.	56,000.
" "	do.	21,000.
Sept. 10,	Am. Ex. Natl. Bank,	49,000.
" 11,	J. & W. Seligman,	41,000.
" "	Kesslage, Colgate & Co.,	32,226.03,
" "	do.	9,636.68,
" "	Wandy & Harman,	17,000.
" "	do.	29,539.55,
" "	do.	16,670.78,

Sept. 20, 1890. Handy & Harman, \$35,323.54.

Also returned, for the Superintendent's signature, Gold certificate \$151, ²/₇ Silver certificate \$154.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 4, 1890.

Louis Gerster, Esq.
U. S. Vice Consul,
Budapesth.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your communication of the 20th, ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I send you several copies of the Silver Bill approved July 14, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

Puga, Nephews & Co., 30,000 Ounces, at \$1.05

Handy & Harman,	<u>25,000</u> Ounces,	at	<u>\$1.048,</u>
Handy & Harman,	<u>25,000</u>	" "	<u>1.049,</u>
Handy & Harman,	<u>50,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0495,</u>
Handy & Harman,	<u>25,000</u>	" "	<u>1.05,</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Ordinary ^{and} Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending October 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 5, 1890.

First Auditor:
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary ^{and} Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month ending October 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement a bill of the Treasury Department (Appropriation for Furniture ^{and} repairs of same) for Carpets shipped you on the 7th of Augt., 1890, amounting to \$95.44, payable from the appropriation for Wages ^{and} Contingent Expenses of your Office, fiscal year 1890.

Triplicate bill herewith.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

December 5, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The assistant treasurer at New York desires some new gold pieces of this year's coinage for holiday uses. Will you please inform me what stock of eagles, half-eagles ^{and} quarter-eagles you have of this year's coinage which could be shipped to him?

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

December 5, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Receive from Nevada Bank one hundred thousand ounces silver at one dollar

Confirmed.

and four cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

December 5, 1890.

Gen. O. W. La Grange,
13 West 46th St., New York.

My dear General:

I have a letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, relative to the expedition to "Death Valley," in which he says:—

"This expedition is being organized up on the suggestion of the Assistant Secretary of the Department ^{and} the Chief of the Division of Economic Mammalogy ^{and} Ornithology. I understand that the purpose of the expedition is to make a systematic biological survey of the Death Valley region in California, ^{and} that the expedition will be composed of men from the Geological Survey as well as selections from the expert-employees of this Department, ^{and} that there will be no special appointments of any kind made from among persons outside of the government service."

Trusting this information may prove satisfactory, I am,

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1890.

Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Telegrams similar to the foregoing, to the following: -

Piza, Nephews & Co.,

#18, Broadway, New York.

Confirmed.

December 5, 1890.

Kandy & Harman,

#24, Nassau Street, New York.

Telegram.

Your offers of twenty-five thousand ounces silver at one-dollar four ³/₄ eight-tenths cents, twenty-five thousand at one-dollar four ³/₄ nine-tenths cents, fifty-thousand at one-dollar four ³/₄ and ninety-five hundredths cents ³/₄ twenty-five thousand at one-dollar ³/₄ five cents per ounce fine accepted. Others declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech.

Director, Mint.

December 5, 1890.

Heidelbach, Ischelheimer & Co.,

New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: -

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,

#29, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed.

Fourth National Bank,

New York.

Confirmed.

Gimmerman & Hoeshay,

#11, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,

Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

Similar except as follows, to the following: -

Confirmed.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

I. & S. Hornssee,
New York.

December 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia states that he would like to have letters of advice from you of each shipment of gold Bullion. I have therefore to request that hereafter in making shipment of gold bullion to Philadelphia, you will forward letter of advice to the Superintendent.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to. -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

December 6, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find returned for correction Silver certificate for Silver deposit for Bars #14, date Sept. 4, 1890. Some officer of P. L. Korider Co., must sign Mint receipt as such, or if the business of P. L. Korider Co., is carried on by only one person, that person must make oath to that effect.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1890.

Hon. Charles O'Neill,
House of Representatives

Sir:

Referring to your request that Treasury notes be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with the assistant treasurer at Philadelphia, I would say that Treasury notes, authorized by the Act of July 14, 1890, can only be used for the payment of purchases of silver bullion required by that Act, ^{and} as no sales of silver bullion have been made to the Government by Philadelphia firms, or any firm desiring drafts on the assistant treasurer at Philadelphia, there has been no occasion to place Treasury notes with the assistant treasurer at Philadelphia.

The Superintendent of the Mint is authorized to pay for local purchases of silver in Treasury notes over the counter, which are the only purchases of silver which have been made from parties residing in Philadelphia.

I desire to say that there is not the slightest objection upon the part of the Treasury Department to placing Treasury notes to the credit of the Superintendent of the Mint with the assistant treasurer at Philadelphia, provided there is any use to which they can be put, but, as I have said, until some one sells silver to the Government who desires to be paid by check on Philadelphia it is utterly useless to place any money there to the credit of the Superintendent of the Mint.

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint to inform me by telegraph of any deliveries of silver by Philadelphia parties who desire drafts on the assistant treasurer in

that city, ^{and} upon receipt of such telegram I will immediately proceed to have funds placed to his credit with the assistant treasurer.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return by express to-day your bullion ^{and} coin accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1890.

You will eliminate from the "silver profit fund" account the profits under the Act of July 14, 1890, ^{and} enter them in a separate "silver profit fund" account on the same page underneath "subsidiary silver profit fund".

The first account will be denominated "silver profit fund act of 1890".

You have paid from your silver profit fund for the transportation of dollars for the month of July, \$5.00 which should have been paid from "subsidiary silver profit fund". You will make the proper correction ^{and} return the accounts to this bureau.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 6, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As soon as any silver is purchased from Mr. Paul, or any Philadelphia firm, aside from

local purchases, which you are instructed to pay for in Treasury notes over the counter, I will, upon receipt of notice from you to that effect, have Treasury notes placed to your credit with the assistant treasurer at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
C. O. Leech,
Director.

December 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts ^{and} vouchers, for the Month ending November 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
C. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + +
Ordinary, Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion
expense Accounts, with Abstracts ^{and} vouchers, for
+ + + + +

December 6, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-five Thousand and Six Hundred ^{and} Forty-eight $\frac{54}{100}$ Dollars,

(\$55,648.⁵⁴), in Gold Coin, and Six Hundred and Forty-seven $\frac{69}{100}$ Dollars (\$647.⁶⁹) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-six Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-six $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars, (\$56,296.²³) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 11, dated Dec. 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 11, dated Dec., 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 11, dated Nov. 29, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$56,438.⁴⁴, charges \$142.²¹, and net value \$56,296.²³. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1890.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 14th, instant, I have instructed the Assayers

in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise City, Idaho, ^{and} Charlotte, N. C., in future when making shipment of gold bullion to forward you a letter of advice of the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of December, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$2,000.⁰⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:—

Salaries,	1891,	<u>\$ 800.</u>
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	<u>1,200.</u>
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>500.</u>

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 6, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I again return for correction, form #64, statement of silver purchased from November 1st, to 17th. Your attention is called to the fact that the price for silver partings from Nov. 1st, to 18th, was 95-cents per standard ounce. At this rate the cost of 2,069.⁷¹ standard ounces would be \$1,966.²², while the

amount has been extended by you as \$2,157.88, a difference of \$91.66. In this connection I would call your attention to my letters of November 8th, ^{and} 11th, in which you were instructed to include on this form the silver purchased from all sources, the same as on form #193. I will thank you to render a statement on form #64 giving this information for the month of November.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the Ansonia Brass ^{and} Copper Company receipted in duplicate for 20,000 lbs. of copper shipped November 28, amounting to \$3,066. Upon receipt of the copper, you will please forward to the treasurer of the company, - A. A. Cowles, - a draft on New York for the amount. To enable you to make payment in this manner I have requested that \$3,066., be advanced you from the appropriation for standard silver dollars, Act of February 28, 1878, to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1890.

Ansonia Brass & Copper Company,
P. O. Box #2375, New York.

Gentlemen;

I have transmitted your account for 29,000 lbs. of copper shipped the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, with instructions to the Superintendent of that institution to transmit you a draft for the amount \$3,066. on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, upon receipt of the copper.

Respectfully yours,

C. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received from the U. S. Express Company an account for the transportation of \$218.68 in silver bullion shipped by you to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, October 28, 1890.

As this bureau has no record of the transfer of any such sum from your mint, I will thank you to furnish me with an explanation of this shipment.

Respectfully yours,

C. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of Frank Freeman receipted in duplicate for making car-

pels, furnished your office by the Treasury Department, amounting to \$6.76, which sum you will pay from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the current fiscal year, by forwarding a draft on New York for the amount, payable to the order of Frank Freeman.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890 have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

Wandy & Harman,	<u>10,000</u>	Ounces, at	<u>\$1.032</u>
Wandy & Harman,	<u>35,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0325</u>
Wandy & Harman,	<u>10,000</u>	" "	<u>1.033</u>
Wandy & Harman,	<u>10,000</u>	" "	<u>1.034</u>
Wandy & Harman,	<u>35,000</u>	" "	<u>1.035</u>
Am. Ex. National Bank,	<u>125,000</u>	" "	<u>1.036</u>

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to the same:—

—	x	x	x	x
+	x	+	+	+

Fourth National Bank, 60,000 Ounces, at \$1.028

Fourth National Bank,	<u>50,000</u>	Ounces, at <u>\$1.031</u>
Fourth National Bank,	<u>50,000</u>	" " <u>1.0325</u>
Fourth National Bank,	<u>50,000</u>	" " <u>1.034</u>
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,	<u>100,000</u>	" " <u>1.0325</u>
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,	<u>50,000</u>	" " <u>1.0335</u>
Gimmesman & Horshay,	<u>50,000</u>	" " <u>1.0348</u>

Similar, except as follows, to: -
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

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+ + + + + + -
Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company, 60,000 Ounces, at \$1.035

December 8, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In reference to your requisition for blank books & blank forms for 6 mo., ending June 30, 1891, - I would state that you are hereby authorized to purchase in your city six (6) time books of 12 leaves each & six (6) memorandum books of 8 quires each, board covers, cut flush.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000 from the appropriation for the Coinage

of Silver Bullion," Act July 14, 1890, to meet in part, the expense of that coinage at your Mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

December 8, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$2,000., to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution, during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting ^{and} refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

December 8, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$37,500., payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:—

Salaries,	1891,	<u>\$3,500.</u>
Wages of workmen,	1891,	<u>25,000.</u>
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>9,000.</u>

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

December 8, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and vouchers for the Month ending November 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letter to:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

December 8, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and three cents, to take effect immediately.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 8, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer accepted.

(Over)

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

Telegrams similar to the foregoing, to the following: -

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,

Confirmed.

Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

Zimmerman & Forshay,

#11, Wall Street, New York.

Similar, except as follows, to the following: -

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,

#29, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed.

+ offers +

Confirmed.

Fourth National Bank,

New York.

December 8, 1890.

Telegram.

Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,

New York.

- Your offer declined.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: -

Nevada Bank,

Confirmed.

San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

I. & S. Wormser,

New York.

December 8, 1890.

Bank of California,

San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

- Your offer received too late for consideration, but would have been declined.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director, Mint.

December 8, 1890.

Wandy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram.

Your offers of ten thousand ounces silver at one dollar three $\frac{3}{4}$ two-tenths cents, thirty-five thousand at one dollar three $\frac{3}{4}$ twenty-five hundredths cents, ten thousand at one dollar three $\frac{3}{4}$ three-tenths cents, ten thousand at one dollar three $\frac{3}{4}$ four-tenths cents, $\frac{3}{4}$ thirty-five thousand at one dollar three $\frac{3}{4}$ five-tenths cents accepted. Others declined.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director, Mint.

December 8, 1890.

Wandy & Harman,
#24, Nassau St., New York.

Telegram.

Your offer of one hundred thousand additional received at three fifteen, too late for consideration.

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director, Mint.

For other
 letters of
 Dec. 8, see
 p. 341.

December 9, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$5,000. from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, Act February 28, 1878, to meet, in part, the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours, — R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

December 9, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of December, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$10,200.⁰⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz: -

Salaries,	1891,	<u>\$2,700.-</u>
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	<u>5,000.-</u>
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	<u>2,500.-</u>

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

December 9, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-one Thousand, Two Hundred ^{and} Three ⁶⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars - (\$41,203.⁶⁵), in Gold Coin, ^{and} Eight Hundred ^{and} Fourteen ⁹⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$814.⁹⁷), in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-two Thousand ^{and} Eighteen ⁶²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$42,018.⁶²) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise, as shown by Memorandum No. 14, dated Dec. 5, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

December 9, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 14, dated Dec. 5, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 14, dated Nov. 29, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$42,128.⁰⁰/₁₀₀; charges \$109.⁶⁹/₁₀₀, ^{and} net value — \$42,018.⁶²/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th, instant enclosing corrected form #64, I have to request that hereafter you will enter on this Abstract the price paid for silver parted from gold deposits. The Assayers in charge of the several Assay Offices have been notified that they must furnish you with the price for silver partings embraced in each invoice.

I enclose herewith copy of a letter addressed you under date of November 11th, which you state you are unable to find. It is not intended that you should enter the large purchases on form #64, in detail, but

the abstract clerk will add the total amount of silver delivered on the department purchases and the total amount paid therefor. The local purchases &c., on form #64 should correspond with the same on form #193.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of October, 1890, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 9, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith statement forwarded by you of silver delivered by Messrs. Colgate & Co., on their sale of the 3rd, instant. The sale of Messrs. Messlage, Colgate & Co., of that date, was 60,000 ounces, at \$1.056.

I have therefore to request that you will render a statement embracing therein the full amount delivered on this sale.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of November, 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz: -

2 Eagles,	\$20. ✓
2 H. Eagles,	10. ✓
12 U. S. Dollars,	12. ✓
Total,	<u>\$42. ✓</u>

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+
24 U. S. Dollars,	\$24. ✓				

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+
10 Double Eagles,	\$200. ✓				
18 U. S. Dollars,	18. ✓				
30 Dimes,	3. ✓				
Total,	<u>\$221. ✓</u>				

December 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will receive the 5000 ounces silver forwarded by the American Exchange National Bank, in excess of their sale of the 8th, instant ^{and} pay for the same at the rate of \$1.035- per ounce, fine, the bank having agreed to accept this rate.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to receive the excess of 5000 ounces of silver shipped on your sale of the 8th, instant, ^{and} to pay for the same at the rate of \$1.035- per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the

following parties, at the rates ^{per} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

Fourth National Bank,	<u>20,000</u>	Ounces, at	<u>\$1.0425-</u>
Fourth National Bank,	<u>60,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0435,</u>
Fourth National Bank,	<u>25,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0447-</u>

Respectfully yours,
C. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the Month ending October 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
C. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters to the following: —

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

December 10, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary expense accounts

of the Assayers in Charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise, Charlotte & St. Louis, for the Month ending October 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 10, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Merchants' National Bank at Helena, Montana.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to the same address: -

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of the Assay Office at St. Louis, be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.), + + + + +
+ + + + +
with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis by telegraph.

December 10, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Merchants National Bank at Helena.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.),
 + + + + with the Assistant
 Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis by
 telegraph.

December 10, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer of sixty-seven thousand ounces at two, eight; too late for consideration.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams except as follows, to: -

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street, New York.

Telegram.

— Your offers received at one, forty.

Confirmed.

+ + + +.

December 10, 1890.

Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.
 Telegram. — your offer for Carson accepted.
 Confirmed. E. O. Leech,
 Acting Director, Mint.

December 10, 1890.

Bank of California,
San Francisco, Cal.
 Telegram. — your offer accepted.
 Confirmed. E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to: —

Fourth National Bank,
New York.
 Confirmed. — + offers + .

December 10, 1890.

Zimmerman & Horshay,
#11 Wall Street, New York.
 Telegram. — your offer declined.
 Confirmed. E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

N. Y. Torrance,
#50, Wall Street, New York.
 Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.
 Confirmed.

Wells Fargo & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.
 Confirmed.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.
 Confirmed.

Similar except as follows, to:—
J. & S. Hornssee,
New York.

December 10, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Telegram. — Receive one hundred thousand ounces
 Confirmed. silver from Nevada Bank at one dollar
 and three cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to:—
Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. — + from Bank of Cali-
 fornia two hundred thousand ounces
 Silver at one dollar and four cents + +.

December 10, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Telegram. — Superintendent Mint at Philadel-
 phia reports delivery of an excess of five
 thousand ounces on your sale of eighth
 instant.

R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director, Mint.

December 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Form No. 83, charges imposed on gold and
 silver deposits, and form No. 95, showing the
 operations of the refineries, are hereby abolished.

In lieu thereof you will render an annual statement at the end of each fiscal ^{and} calendar year covering the information, so far as relates to your institution, contained in the table at the bottom of page 9 ^{and} the table at the top of page 10 of my report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

December 11, 1890.

Hon. Henry M. Teller,
U. S. Senate,

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 11th, inst., relative to the imports of silver into the United States since May 1 of the present year, I would say that I am not informed as to the countries from which this silver has come.

You can probably obtain the information you desire from the Bureau of Statistics. They furnish me with a monthly

statement of the imports ^{and} exports, but only with an annual statement of the countries from which the precious metals come ^{and} to which they are consigned.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th, inst., you are instructed to pay the cost of the dimes shipped in August from your subsidiary silver profit fund.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Please forward your statement of Bars manufactured Form No. 61 1/2 during month of November, 1890.

You will please forward in future this statement (Form No. 61 1/2) with your statements of Deposits ^{and} Purchases, Form Nos. 60 ^{and} 61; in case no bars are manufactured, a footnote to that effect should be placed on the form referred to.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 10th, instant, I return herewith statement of balances, form #232, for September, October²⁴ and November for correction.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th, instant in answer to mine of the 29th, ultimo relating to department purchases of silver, you are informed that it is desired that you should report the exact amount delivered ~~and~~ cost of the same, as it is important that the figures furnished by you should be absolutely correct in the first instance.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1890.

E. E. Lincoln, Esq.,
Bingham, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th, instant enclosing certificate of deposit for one dollar, with the request that ten minor coin proof sets be sent you, has been received ^{and} referred

to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 4835 for \$8,000., being on account of Profits on Minor Coinage inclosed in your communication of the 10th, instant, has been received, properly indorsed ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on Minor Coinage.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:—

— C. D. No. 4836, for \$5.⁰⁰, being on account of Balance profits on Coinage Std. Sil. Dolls, Act 1878, inclosed in your communication of the 10th, inst, + +
+ + + + +
+ + as profits on Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, Act, 1878.

December 11, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 11, dated Dec. 4, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Phila.

Philadelphia, Shipment No. 11, dated Nov. 29, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$21,579.¹⁷/₁₀₀; charges \$87.²³/₁₀₀, ^{and} net value \$21,481.⁹⁴/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Deposit Memorandum No. 12, dated Dec.

6, 1890, + + + + +

Shipment No. 12, dated Nov. 29, 1890, + +

+ + + ^{and} the gross value found to be \$22,632.¹¹/₁₀₀; charges \$54.⁴⁵/₁₀₀, ^{and} net value \$22,577.⁶⁶/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a trans-

fer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States
+ + +

December 11, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Four Hundred ^{and} Ten ⁶⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$22,410.⁶⁴/₁₀₀), in Gold Coin, ^{and} One Hundred ^{and} Sixty-seven ⁹²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$167.⁹²/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred ^{and} Seventy-seven ⁶⁶/₁₀₀

(\$22,577.66) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 12, dated Dec. 6th, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address:—

+ + of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Three Hundred ⁹⁴/₁₀₀ Eighty-seven ⁹⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$21,387.71), in Gold Coin, ²³/₁₀₀ Ninety-four ²³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$94.23) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-one Thousand Four Hundred ⁹⁴/₁₀₀ Eighty-one ⁹⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$21,481.94), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at New York as shown by Memorandum No. 11, dated Dec. 4, 1890, + + + + +.

December 11, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours, — E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Letter similar to the foregoing except as follows, to, name:—

— + + + +
 + + of the United States Mint at Car-
 son be increased in the sum of Five Hundred
 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.). By a transfer of
 that amount in Treasury Notes + + + +
 + + of the Superintendent of said in-
 stitution + + + + +.

December 11, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund
 of your institution be increased by a transfer
 of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.),
 and that the same be placed to your credit with the
 Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New
 York in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

— + + + +
 of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.),
 + + + + +

with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S., at New York.

December 11, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of
 the Treasury to cause to be advanced from the

Sum of \$500. from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint," 1891, to meet your expenses in connection with the collection^{ing} and compiling of statistics of the production of the precious metals in Montana during the calendar year 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 11, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd. instant submitting for approval the appointment of a Chinaman as a laborer in your office, I have to say that there is no objection to the employment of a person in this capacity, but it is not necessary that the appointment should be submitted for the approval of this Bureau.

The name of the appointee will of course be carried on your rolls as heretofore.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 11, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have approved^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination^{and} settlement a bill of the Stationery division, Treasury Department, for stationery shipped you on the 8th. of Sept., 1890, amount-

ing to \$7.71, payable from the appropriation for
Wages ^{and} Contingent expenses of your office fiscal
year 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + +
+ + + + Shipped you on
the 26th. of Sept., 1890, amounting to \$6.23, pay-
able from + + + + +

December 11, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. — Advance purchasing rate of silver
to one dollar four ^{and} one-fourth cents.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Confirmed. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed. Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

December 11, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— Explain by mail charge of one-eleventh
of six cents on gold deposit, receipt number

eight-forty-seven.
 authorized by regulations.

No such charge is au-

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

December 11, 1890.

Bank of California,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Impossible to change the hour for silver purchases to three P. M.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

December 11, 1890.

Leopold Masius, Esq.,

#335, East 69 St., New York.

Sir:

Your communication of the 9th, inst., relative to a position in the U. S. Assay Office, has been referred to the Superintendent of that institution, in whom the power of appointment is vested by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive

and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

<u>Wandy & Harman,</u>	<u>50,000</u>	Ounces, at	<u>\$1.055</u>
<u>Wandy & Harman,</u>	<u>25,000</u>	" "	<u>1.056</u>
<u>Harman & Harman,</u>	<u>150,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0568</u>
<u>Wandy & Harman,</u>	<u>50,000</u>	" "	<u>1.057</u>
<u>Wandy & Harman,</u>	<u>50,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0579</u>
<u>Wandy & Harman,</u>	<u>50,000</u>	" "	<u>1.058</u>
<u>Wandy & Harman,</u>	<u>25,000</u>	" "	<u>1.059</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to the same address:—

<u>Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,</u>	<u>50,000</u>	Ounces, at	<u>\$1.057</u>
<u>Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,</u>	<u>50,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0575</u>
<u>Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,</u>	<u>60,000</u>	" "	<u>1.058</u>
<u>Zimmerman & Horshay,</u>	<u>25,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0559</u>
<u>Zimmerman & Horshay,</u>	<u>25,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0579</u>

December 12, 1890.

B. Westerman & Co.,

#812, Broadway,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your bills of the 20th, & 26th, of Nov. and Dec. 8, inst., for periodicals purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$2.86, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you. If these bills can be consolidated and sent in quarterly hereafter, I will be pleased to

have it done.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 12, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the U. S. Express Company receipted in duplicate for the transportation of \$29,854.76 in silver bullion from the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to your Mint, amounting to \$74.80, for which sum you will please forward a draft on New York, in favor of the U. S. Express Company, under cover to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th, instant calling attention to the non receipt of a Register of Certificates, I would state that probably the book referred to was lost in the mail. Inquiry will be made for the lost book and should it be found I will cause it to be forwarded to your Mint, in the meantime, however, please forward sample copy for a new Register.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1890.

The Editor of the "Press,"
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your editorial entitled "Stop The Gold Leak," I take the liberty to remind you that both the Secretary ^{and} myself, in our annual reports for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1890, have asked authority to do exactly what you suggested, ^{and} that bills to that effect have been introduced in the Senate ^{and} in the House of Representatives.

— It is highly important that such a measure should pass ^{and} I am very glad that you have directed public attention to the importance of the matter.

I enclose a copy of the bill introduced by Senator Sherman.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1890.

E. J. Platt, Esq.,
Agent, W. S. Express Company,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I return herewith your account for the transportation of \$218.68 in silver bullion from the W. S. Mint at Philadelphia to the Mint at New Orleans, amounting to \$1.25. It appears that in the shipments of silver bullion from the Mint at Philadelphia to New Orleans in September ^{and} October, owing to an error in the calculation of the fineness of certain bars, the amount shipped fell short by 183 ounces of the amount called for by

transfer orders, ^{and} this amount was shipped to make up the deficiency. Inasmuch as your company has already received payment for the total value called for by the transfer orders, the bill is herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1890.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
\$29, Wall Street,

New York.

Your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech.

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to: -

Grimmerman & Gorshay,

\$11, Wall Street, New York.

Similar except as follows to the following: -

Anglo American Bank,

San Francisco, Cal.

- x offer + .

Bank of California,

San Francisco, Cal.

December 12, 1890.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,

\$20, Nassau Street, New York.

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: -

Weidellbach, Seckelheimer & Co.,

New York.

(Over) -

Confirmed. Clark, Dodge & Co.,
#57, Wall Street, New York.

Similar except as follows, to: —

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed. — + offer +

December 12, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau Street, New York.

Telegram. — Your offers all accepted except that
 Confirmed. of fifty thousand ounces at one dollar five ^{and}
 twenty-five hundredths.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

December 12, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram. — Receive from Bank of California
 Confirmed. one hundred thousand ounces silver at
 one dollar four ^{and} four-tenths cents per
 ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram, ^{except as follows} to the same address. —

Confirmed. — Receive from Anglo Californian
 Bank fifty thousand ounces silver at one
 dollar five ^{and} four-tenths cents per ounce fine.

December 12, 1890.

Wm. B. Dana & Co.,
#102, William Street, New York.

— Purchased to-day seven-hundred ^{and} six-
 ty-thousand ounces fine silver.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Charles A. Hammer, Esq.,
#280, Broadway, N. Y.
 Sir:

December 13, 1890. *Has 1 letter
 of Dec 12,
 See p. 389.*

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 12th, inst., relative to Leopold Mahnis obtaining a position in the U. S. Assay Office, you are respectfully informed that your communication has been referred to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, in whom the statutes vest the power of appointment.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1890.
Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.
 Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia in Treasury Notes of the following denominations:— \$10.-notes \$80,000.-;
\$5.-notes \$80,000.-; \$2.-notes \$40,000.-; \$1.-notes \$40,000.-.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred ^{and} Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.) ^{and} that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant-Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia in Treasury notes of the following denominations: -

\$10 - notes \$80,000.; \$2 - notes \$40,000.;
5 - " \$80,000.; 1 - " \$40,000.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1890.

R. P. Rothwell, Esq.,
C. O. Box 1833

New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th, instant, you are informed that I will take pleasure in forwarding you a statement of the amount of silver offered ^{and} purchased each week but as Friday is one of the days of purchase ^{and} the offers are not acted upon until one o'clock P. M., it will be possible to forward you a statement of the transactions of Monday ^{and} Wednesday only each week in time to reach by Friday morning. — I could, however, telegraph you at your expense, as is done in the case of the Commercial ^{and} Financial Chronicle of New York, on Friday, the amount

offered ^{my} purchased that day, which added to the amount of the offers ^{my} purchases for Monday ^{and} Wednesday, would give you the total for the week, if this would be satisfactory.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1890.

Geo. W. Olney, Esq.,

Editor, World's Almanac, P. O. Box 2297,
New York.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the statements requested in your letter of the 6th, instant. I also enclose tables of Coinages by nations for the years 1888 ^{and} 1889, which I think would be a valuable addition to the World's Almanac. I also enclose copy of circular of the value of foreign coins issued October 1, 1890.

The tariff bill recently passed by Congress provides that the value of foreign coins shall be estimated on the 1st. of January; 1st. of April; 1st. of July ^{and} 1st. of October. The next circular will be issued January 2, 1891.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith proof ^{and} copy of Cashier's Coinage ^{and} Bar Account ^{and} also

proof of Cashier's Daily Statement of Balances for such consideration as you may think proper.

Please return proofs ^{and} copy as soon as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary ^{and} Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for the Month ending November 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 13, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint up to Dec. 12, 1890, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: —

12 S. & D. Dollars, —	\$12.00
2 Half-eagles, —	10.00
2 Quarter-Eagles, —	5.00
30 Dimes, —	3.00
Total, —	\$30.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Letters similar to the foregoing except as follows, to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+	+	up to
Dec. 10th., 1890,	+	+	+	+	+	—
10 U. S. Dollars, —						\$10.00
Total, —						\$10.00

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	up to
Dec. 4., 1890,	+	+	+	+	+	—
6 Double-Eagles, —						\$120.00
4 U. S. Dollars, —						4.00
Total, —						\$124.00

December 15, 1890.

William E. Curtis, Esq.,
Commercial Bureau of the American Republics,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

As requested in your communication of the 11th., inst., I enclose herewith two tables, one showing the aggregate production of the precious metals in the world each calendar year 1876-1889, arranged in the manner of the table enclosed in your letter, which table is herewith returned; the other showing the production and coinage of gold and silver in the countries of the western hemisphere during the calendar year 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th, instant enclosing schedule of books ^{and} blanks required for the Book-keeper, I would state that I do not find samples of the 12, 3 gr. or of the 3 paper copy books requested. It is simply impossible to order a book or blank form from the Public Printer unless a copy be submitted as a guide to enable him to prepare the books called for in your letter.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

<u>Am. Ex. National Bank,</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>Ounces,</u>	<u>at</u>	<u>\$1.09</u>
<u>Am. Ex. National Bank,</u>	<u>53,000</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1.089</u>
<u>Wells, Fargo & Co.,</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1.09</u>
<u>Wand & Harman,</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1.09</u>
<u>J. & S. Hoerner,</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1.0898</u>
<u>J. & W. Seligman, & Co.,</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1.09</u>

Gummerman & Horshay, — 50,000 Ounces, at \$1.0895—
 Gummerman & Horshay, — 50,000 " " 1.088.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

— + + + + + + +
 + + + + + + + —

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company, — 155,000 Ounces, at \$1.09.

December 15, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending November 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + + Ordinary
 and Refinery expense Accounts + + +
 + + + + + + +

December 15, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination

my settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont., for the month ending October 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.,

Sir:

I have examined ^{my} and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{my} settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 15, 1890.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces silver at one dollar ^{and} nine cents accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to: —

Handy & Harman,

24, Nassau Street, New York.

— + + + fifty thousand ounces silver at one dollar ^{and} nine cents accepted. Others declined.

December 15, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Dec., 1890, ^{2d} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: —

10 Dimes, Delivery	\$2.75, —	<u>\$1.00</u>
Total, —		<u>\$1.00</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—
2 Double Eagles, Del.	\$62, —	<u>\$40.00</u>				
Total, —		<u>\$40.00</u>				

December 15, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver at your Mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.07 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Telegram.

— Advance purchasing rate of silver

to one dollar ^{and} seven cents.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 16, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Receive from Bank of California
one hundred thousand ounces silver at one
dollar eight ^{and} one-half cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to same address:—

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— + + Anglo Californian
Bank twenty-five thousand ounces silver at
one dollar five ^{and} one-half cents per ounce
fine, ^{and} from Selby Smelting ^{and} Lead Company
twenty thousand ounces at one dollar ^{and} five cents.

December 16, 1890.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed.

Selby Smelting & Lead Company,
San Francisco.

Confirmed.

Wells, Fargo & Co.,
New York.

(next page)

Confirmed. Bank of California,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed. I. & S. Wormser,
New York.

Similar except as follows, to the following: —
American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed. — + offers +.

Confirmed. Grimmerman & Horshay,
#11, Wall Street, New York.

Telegram. National Bank of the Republic,
New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech,
Director Mint.

December 16, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary Refinery ^{and} Coinage of Silver Dollars accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Month ending November 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{of} settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month ending November 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

December 16, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes ^{of} that \$500,000. of the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York ^{and} the balance shipped him in notes of the following denominations: - \$50-notes \$100,000.-, \$10-notes \$40,000.-, \$5-notes \$20,000.-, \$2-notes \$20,000.-, \$1-notes \$20,000.-.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Five Hundred thousand Dollars, (\$500,000.), ^{and} that \$300,000. of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York ^{and} \$200,000. shipped you as follows: — \$50-notes \$100,000.; \$10-notes \$40,000.; \$5-notes \$20,000.; \$2-notes \$20,000.; ^{and} \$1-notes \$20,000..

Respectfully yours,

C. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1890.

S. Reeve, Esq.,
Suit 37, Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th., instant you are informed that the rule used to determine the ratio between the gold ^{and} silver coinage of any country, is to divide the weight of pure silver contained in any given silver coin by the weight of pure gold contained in a gold coin of the same value. The silver dollar of the United States contains 371.25 grains of pure silver, and the gold dollar 23.22 grains of pure gold. Dividing the former by the latter gives 15.98+ as the ratio.

The fineness of the British gold coins is .916 $\frac{2}{3}$ ^{and} of the silver coins .925. The

London quotation in pence is for silver .925 fine.

I enclose herewith copy of table prepared by the First Comptroller of the Treasury, for the "Reduction of Sterling Money of Great Britain to United States Gold Coin".

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of December, 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz: -

2 U. S. Dollars, Delivery	\$244, -	<u>\$2.00</u>
Total, -		<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectful yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows to the following: -
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+
2 Double-eagles, Del.	\$63, -	<u>\$40.00</u>		
Total, -		<u>\$40.00</u>		

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+
2 U. S. Dollars, Delivery	\$276, -	<u>\$2.00</u>			
2 1/2-Dollars, Delivery	\$277, -	<u>\$1.00</u>			
Total, -		<u>\$3.00</u>			

December 16, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of November, 1890, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 16, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a requisition be made upon the Civil Service Commission for the certification of names of male clerks from which a selection can be made to fill a vacancy of the grade of \$900. per annum, now existing in this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir: — Replying to your letter of the 9th,

inst., relative to the coinage of the bullion purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878, I would say that it is very desirable to close out the silver bullion purchased under the old law, ^{and} if you have not sufficient force or capacity to manufacture a supply of bars ^{and} to execute the coinage you will let the bars go ^{and} let depositors wait. I desire the silver bullion purchased under the Act of 1878 closed out this month, ^{and} also the mandatory coinage of 200,000 silver dollars required by the Act of July 14, 1890, to be executed if possible.

The work will not be so heavy next month in the way of coinage so that there will be no trouble making bars for depositors.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

December 16, 1890.

Fred'k. Probst, Esq.,

Box #2934, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th, inst., relative to the cost of machinery for the establishment of a mint in Bolivia, ^{and} a suitable machinist to superintend the erection of the same, I would say that Mr. Jacob W. Helffrich, 307 N. 37th St., Philadelphia, Pa., who was corner of the mint at New Orleans ^{and} afterwards connected with the mints in Mexico, would probably be able to give you the information you desire, ^{and} would also be a suitable person to take charge of the work. Mr. Samuel James, the chief machinist of the mint at Philadelphia, would also be a suitable person ^{and} could prob-

ably give you the information you need.

Both of these men are valuable ^{and} reliable men in mint business.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1890.

Henry N. Paul, Esq.,
517, Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th, inst., I would say that I have placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with the assistant treasurer in that city, Treasury notes against which he can check for sales of silver bullion deliverable at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 16, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th, inst., inquiring whether my telegraphic instructions of December 26, 1889, in regard to the final delivery of coin at the close of the year, hold good for this year, I would say that as there is nothing in the regulations which prevents the delivery of good coin at any time, my instructions referred to hold good not only for this year but for all years until instructions are issued to the contrary. I would suggest

that the amount of coinage of this year to be delivered in the next be as small as practicable.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 16, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Suspend local purchases until second proximo ^{and} telegraph at close of business to-day amount ^{and} cost of local purchases this month.

Receive no large lots to day.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to: —

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

December 17, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

Consolidated Kansas City			
Smelting & Refining Co.,	— 50,000	Ounces, at	\$1.0798
Wand & Harman,	— 50,000	" "	1.08
Fourth National Bank,	— 7,000	" "	1.0815.

Respectfully yours, E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York for \$4.42, for which please return me per registered mail two Silver ^{or} ten Minor Coin proof sets.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

December 17, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Department having purchased the amount of silver bullion required to be purchased for the current month, you will suspend local purchases until January 2^d. 1891.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar letter to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

December 17, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th., inst., requesting three press copying books for the use of the Bookkeeper I would state that the press copying books referred to will be shipped your Mint with the other articles of Stationery. (over) —

The quality of the books sent is of the same character as used by the Department.

In ordering press copying books in the future you will please include them in your stationery requisition.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday in regard to preparing certain books in your city, I would state it is desirable that all books ^{and} forms for use in the Mint service be prepared by the Public Printer.

You will please forward your requisitions to the Bureau ^{and} include in it all the books and forms you may require during the next six months, as you should have done in your requisition of last month, bearing in mind, however, that the Printer requires at least 4 months to prepare books ^{and} 2 months for blanks.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Dec., 1890, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special

assay, have been received, viz: —

2 U. S. Dollars, Del. #278, \$2.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary ^{and} Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the Month ending November 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:—

— x + + + +
the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar
accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint
at New Orleans, + + + +
+ + + + +

December 17, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & Stand. Sil. Dollar accounts for the Month ending November 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully, E. O. Leech,

Director.

Letter similar to the foregoing except as follows, to:—
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 17, 1890.

R. O. Bothwell, Esq.,
Editor, Engineering and Mining Journal,
27 Park Place, New York.

Sir:

The Treasury Department purchased to-day 210,000 ounces of silver.

The total purchases by the Department during the current month amounts to 3,896,000 ounces, and the local purchases of the mints to date amount to 306,000 ounces, making 4,500,000 ounces. — The full amount required by law having been purchased during the current month no further purchases will be made until Friday, January 2, 1891.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1890.

E. O. Knox, Esq.,
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 15th, inst., you are respectfully informed that no action has been taken in regard to new designs for coins. — When action is taken due public notice will be given.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1890.

Bank of California,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Your offer received too late for consideration.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegrams except as follows, to the following: —

Louis J. Rees,

#11, Wall Street, New York.

— + + + + but would have been declined.

J. ^{my} B. Wormser,
New York.

Kesslage, Colgate & Co.,

#29, Wall Street, New York.

— Your offer received at three forty P. M., too late for consideration. The Government is out of the market.

December 17, 1890.

Fourth National Bank,

New York, N. Y.

— Seven thousand ounces of your offer at one dollar eight cents ^{and} fifteen hundredths accepted. Balance declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegram except as follows, to: —

Wandy & Harman,

#24 Nassau Street, New York.

— Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one dollar ^{and} eight cents accepted.

+ + .

December 17, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Telegram.

— Receive from Nevada Bank twenty-five thousand ounces at one dollar seven ^{and} a half cents.

E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar telegram except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— Receive from Nevada Bank ten thousand ounces, ^{and} from H. Loaiza & Co., twenty-eight thousand ounces at one dollar seven ^{and} a half cents, ^{and} from Anglo-California Bank forty thousand ounces at one dollar eight ^{and} one-tenth cents.

December 17, 1890.

J. W. Sylvester, Esq.,
U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the slip which you enclosed on the 16th, inst., I beg to say that I do not think there is a ghost of a chance of its being favored by the Administration.

While I have a great respect for anything which emanates from you I must confess that I consider this scheme entirely impracticable. However, I will bring it to the attention of the Secretary because of my respect for you.

Very truly yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

December 17, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Form No. 95, refinery operations, will be rendered for the month of December but not for the calendar year. For the calendar year you will render a statement containing the information embodied in the tables on pages 9th & 10 of my fiscal report. After this month Form No. 95 will be abolished, and you will render only annual statements for the fiscal & calendar year, containing the information, so far as relates to your mint, embodied in the tables mentioned.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

December 17, 1890.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegram to: —

Boston & Colorado Smelting & Refining Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Telegram similar to the foregoing except as follows, to: —

Grimmerman & Horshay,
#11, Wall Street, New York.
 — + offers +

December 17, 1890.

Telegram.

M. Loaiza & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.
 — your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Anglo-California Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Cons'd. Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
20 Nassau Street, New York.

Similar, except as follows, to: —

Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.
 — Your offers +

December 18, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I return herewith samples No. 1, 2 & 3 forwarded with your requisition for books and blanks dated 10th, instant, for amendment.

You will please state on the above samples a suitable title to indicate as near as possible the purpose for which intended and the name of the officer or department use of the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition for stationery for six months ending June 30, 1891, I would state that the Department can supply you with press copying 10 x 14, parchment paper.

If these will not answer your purpose you are authorized to purchase two press copying books size 11 x 17, white paper, bound in Sheep, in your city.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Miss S. M. Landon, a clerk of class one in this office, be transferred to some other bureau of the Treasury Department, and, if possible, a male clerk be transferred to this bureau in her stead.

Miss Landon is a competent stenographer ^{and} might prove an acquisition to some office needing the services of a short hand writer.

She is thoroughly unhappy in her position in this office ^{and} dissatisfied with the management of the bureau, ^{and} I am clearly of the opinion that the efficiency ^{and} proper conduct of the bureau would be improved by her transfer to some other branch of the public service.

— Until a transfer can be

arranged I respectfully request that she be detailed to some other Bureau of the Department.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please furnish Mr. Thomas C. Acton, New York, with fifty dollars (\$50.) in half dollars and fifty dollars (\$50.) in quarter dollars, coinage of 1890, upon payment of face value of same.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar expense accounts for the months of October and November, 1890, with my approval, except voucher No. 65, of the October account, bill of the Wells, Fargo Express Co., the first three items of which, amounting to \$225.⁰⁰, were erroneously paid by you. The Chief Auditor has been instructed to state an account in your favor for this amount for the purpose of reimbursing your appropriation for contingent expenses for 1891. It will not be

necessary, therefore, to ask the refunding of the amount by the Express Co., or to deposit same, but it will be treated in your accounts as if the expenditure had not been made.

As it is doubtful whether the bill of Justinian Caire, for crucibles, voucher No. 68, of your Ordinary account for November, will be passed by the accounting officers by reason of the excessive price paid above the contract rate, you had better submit an explanation of the purchase, for file with the account.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 18, 1890.

Chief Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev., 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Note recommendation on Act, Abstract of disbursements.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your

Mint during the month of Dec., 1890, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: —

2 S. S. Dollars, Del.	\$279,	\$2.00
10 Dimes	" \$280,	1.00
Total,		<u>\$3.00</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—
10 Dimes, Del.	\$187,				\$1.00	
Total,					<u>\$1.00</u>	

December 18, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., for the quarter ending Sept. 30th., 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the

proper accounting officers of the Department for examination & settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending Sept., 30th., 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 18, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Telegram.

— You are authorized to appoint an additional helper in General Department at a low rate of compensation. The pay of yardman is increased to four dollars per day.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 18, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Telegram.

— Am awaiting reply to letter of fifth instant asking for a list of refineries and smelting works.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 19, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of Dec. 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:—

(Over) —

10 Dimes, Del.	\$188, -	\$1.00
10 " " "	\$189, -	\$1.00
Total, -		<u>\$2.00</u>

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.Similar letters, ^{except as follows} to the following: -Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

	+	+	+	+	+	+
2 Eagles, Del.	\$13, -	\$20.00				
Total, -		<u>\$20.00</u>				

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,New Orleans, La.

2 U. S. Dollars, Del.	\$247, -	\$2.00
2 U. S. Dollars, "	\$246, -	<u>2.00</u>
Total, -		<u>\$4.00</u>

December 19, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return by to-day's express three record books forwarded with your letter of 18th., inst.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 19, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck ^{and}

forwarded to this office one copy of each of the following Army Marksmanship medals for War Department, from the latest dies made for the same, viz:—

- 1st. Prize, - Competition Distinguished Marksmen;
- 2nd. Class Prize, - Competition Distinguished Marksmen;
- 1st. Prize, - Army Marksmanship;
- 2nd. Class Prize, - Army Marksmanship;
- 3rd. Class Prize, - Army Marksmanship;
- 1st. Prize, - Division Marksmanship;
- 2nd. Class Prize, - Division Marksmanship;
- 3rd. Class Prize, - Division Marksmanship;
- 1st. Prize, - Cavalry Competition;
- 2nd. Class Prize, - Cavalry Competition;
- 3rd. Class Prize, - Cavalry Competition;
- 1st. Prize, - Department Marksmanship;
- 2nd. Class Prize, - Department Marksmanship;
- 3rd. Class Prize, - Department Marksmanship;
- 1st. Prize, - Revolver Match;
- 2nd. Class Prize, - Revolver Match;
- 3rd. Class Prize, - Revolver Match; in all seventeen (17) bronze copies.

These bronze copies should be supplied with pins but not with cases.

You will forward your account in duplicate with the medals.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Reech,
Director of the Mint.

December 19, 1890.

Christ Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Ex-

expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the Month ending November 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:—

— + + + Ordinary
expense account of the Assayer in charge
of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., for the
Month ending November 30, 1890, + +
+ + + + +.

December 19, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination my settlement, your Ordinary my Refinery expense accounts for the Month ending November 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo.,

— + + + + +
your Ordinary expense account for the Month
ending November 30, 1890, + + +.

Your attention is called to the fact
that the Ordinary Abstract of disbursements

was omitted from this account.

December 19, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— It is unnecessary for you to telegraph the San Francisco price of silver until the second proximo, as no further purchases will be made this month.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 19, 1890.

A. B. Maynard, Esq.,
Vermillion, So. Dakota.

Sir:

The regulations governing the mint service are printed only for the use of the mint officers, but I deviate from the usual practice and send you a copy.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Hed. H. Speers,

University of So. Dakota,

Vermillion, So. Dakota.

— Vermillion, So. Dakota

+ + + + +

In regard to the laws regulating the currency, we have no copies in this office for distribution.

December 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon silver assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of November 1890, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— × × + × ×
 × + + + + + ×
 — The weights are very bad — show very bad work in Coiner's Dept. They are dangerously close to the limit.

December 20, 1890.

James C. Scott, Esq.,
300 Main Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the coinage of gold and silver since June 30, 1890, and other matters, you are informed that there were coined from July 1, to November 30, 1890, \$7,594,162.50 in gold, and \$15,766,772.00 in silver.

Respectfully yours, E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 12, dated Dec. 17, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 13, dated Dec. 13, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau ^{and} the gross value found to be \$53,996.⁷⁴/₁₀₀, charges \$142.⁷⁰/₁₀₀, ^{and} net value \$53,854.⁰⁴/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th., instant inclosing bids received for one hundred ^{and} ten (110) barrels of melter ^{and} refiner's sweeps has been received. Your acceptance of the bid of the Chicago ^{and} Aurora Smelting ^{and} Refining Company, three thousand six hundred ^{and} twelve dollars ^{and} twelve cents (\$3,612.¹²/₁₀₀), is approved. The bids are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-two Thousand Eight Hundred ^{and} Forty-seven ¹⁴⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$52,847.46) in Gold Coin, ^{and} Ten Hundred ^{and} Six ⁵⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$1,006.58) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-three Thousand Eight Hundred ^{and} Fifty-four ¹⁰⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$53,854.04), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 12, dated Dec. 17, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

December 20, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to your letters of November 17, ^{and} December 10, relative to the vouchers for the shipment of silver dollars, accompanying your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1890, I would say that the duplicate vouchers forwarded by you are of no value, ^{and} are herewith returned. — You are instructed in future to ship silver dollars only in lots of \$500. or multiples thereof.

Very respectfully, — E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1890.

Chief Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayers in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise, Charlotte, Helena & St. Louis, for the Month ending November 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the Month ending November 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letters ~~except as follows~~, to the following:-

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

December 22, 1890.

W. G. Kittredge, Esq.,Editor, Boston Journal of Commerce,
128 Purchase St. Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 19th, inst., relative to the paper rouble of Russia, I would say that I have never said in any official communication that the paper rouble of Russia is of the same commercial value as the silver rouble. What I have said is that the paper rouble is a promise to pay the silver rouble, which is the standard of value in Russia, ^{and} while the bulk of the daily transactions is in paper roubles the silver rouble is coined ^{and} forms a portion of the circulating medium.

The courts have decided that it is the duty of the Government to value invoices of merchandise at the value of the metallic currency proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Referring to the bills for shipping silver dollars, forwarded with your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1890, I find that the charges imposed by the express company are so excessive that it will be necessary for the Government

to discontinue shipments from your mint outside of the state of Nevada. — For instance: — on a shipment of \$6,000. to Clayton, Idaho, you have paid \$157.⁵⁰. Other charges have also been excessive. — In view of these facts you are hereby instructed not to ship silver dollars outside of the state of Nevada except upon transfer orders or transfer letters drawn by the Treasurer of the United States.

After this month, no bills for the shipment of silver dollars outside the limits of the state will be allowed in the settlement of your accounts except, as stated, such shipments have been made by order of the Treasurer of the United States.

If the express company is willing to offer any reasonable rates to the Government for shipping silver dollars from your mint the Government is prepared to consider them, but the rates charged are considered so excessive as to preclude future shipments.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Lerch,
Director.

December 22, 1890.

Einwechter & Hyeth,
512 Commerce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I have received from the Superintendent of the United States mint at Philadelphia your account for ten (10) tons of Bertha Speller shipped to the United States mint at San Francisco, and forwarded the same to the superintendent of that institution with instructions to forward you a draft on the Resis-

Asst. Treasurer at New York for the amount,
viz: — \$2,112.33 on receipt of the spelter.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account (received in duplicate) of Einwechter & Wyeth for ten (10) tons of Bertha spelter, shipped you through the Quartermaster's Department, as per receipt of Captain John H. Pullman herewith. — On receipt of the spelter you will please forward Messrs Einwechter & Wyeth a draft on New York for the amount, viz: — \$2,112.33. To enable you to make payment in this manner I have requested that an advance of 2,112.33 be made you from the appropriation for parting ^{and} refining bullion ^{and} placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum

of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ Thirty-three $\frac{99}{100}$ Dollars ($\$13,233.\frac{99}{100}$), in Gold Coin, $\frac{3}{4}$ Two Hundred $\frac{3}{4}$ Ninety $\frac{99}{100}$ ($\$219.\frac{99}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-three $\frac{78}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$13,453.\frac{78}{100}$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 15, dated Dec. 19th, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Dec. 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:—

Ten Dimes, Del. #284, —	<u>$\\$1.00$</u>
Total, —	<u>$\\$1.00$</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+	+	
+	+	+	+	+	+	viz:—
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #248, —					<u>$\\$2.00$</u>	
Total, —					<u>$\\$2.00$</u>	

(Over) —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	
+	+	+	+	+	+	viz: —
Del. Dec. 13, '90,	2 S. S. Dollars,	Del. \$190, —				<u>\$2.00</u>
	Total, —					<u>\$2.00</u>

December 22, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 15, dated Dec. 19, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 15, dated Dec. 13th, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$13,484.89; charges \$31.11, and net value \$13,453.78. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement an account of the Union Pacific (Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern Divisions) Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of November, 1889, from Granger to Silver Bow, Mont.,

of mint supplies, amounting to 92⁸, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Office, fiscal year 1890. Duplicate bills of lading herewith.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

— + + + + + + +
+ + + + for the transportation in the Month of October, 1889, from Granger, to Boise City, + + + amounting to \$17.28, + + + +
+ + wages ^{my} contingent expenses of your office, fiscal year 1890. + + +.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— + + + + + + +
Southern Pacific Co., (Central Pacific R.R.)
Railway Co., + + + in the Month of June, 1890, from San Francisco to Carson, Nev., + + + amounting to \$46.96
+ + + + + for Parting and Refining bullion. + + + +.

— To same address: —

— + + + + + + +
Chicago, Rock Island ^{and} Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of October, 1889, from Council Bluffs to Chicago, Ills. + + + amounting to 28⁸, consigned to Eimer & Amend, New York, + + + Contingent expenses, U. S. Mint, Carson, 1890. + + +.

December 22, 1890.

Messrs Heidelbach, Eckelheimer & Co.,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 18th, inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury "requesting advances on deposits of gold bullion at the New York Assay office, before the deposits have been assayed ^{and} the value determined, I would say that there is no authority of law to make an advance upon any deposit of gold at Government institutions, the method of receiving ^{and} paying for deposits being prescribed by the Revised Statutes (Sec. 3521-3525).

Payment of gold deposits, as a rule, made the day after the deposit is received, which is certainly a very prompt ^{and} reasonable provision, but in order that payment may not be delayed in cases where deposits have to be re-melted or re-assayed, payment in such cases is allowed within two per cent of the value of the gold contained, but only after assay.

In view of this fact I am of the opinion that there is no sufficient reason why an exception to the regulations should be made in the case of the deposit of foreign gold coin or bars to which you refer.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir: — I have to request that you will

inform me what disposition has been made of the twenty dollars (\$20) a month deducted from the pay of Patrick Cereagh, as directed in my reference of the letter of the Solicitor of the Treasury under date of December 7, 1889, on account of a judgement rendered against Mr. Cereagh as one of the sureties on the bond of R. H. Isabelle, ad Pension Agent at New Orleans.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 22, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Office,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th., inst., enclosing a communication from the assayer of your mint in regard to the charge for refining gold deposit No. 847, I beg to say that the charge imposed was contrary to the regulations, which are the only guide for the Superintendent and the assayer in imposing charges on deposits, and the fact that it was authorized ten years ago by a former director, in the face of the fact that the regulations distinctly impose a different charge, is no sufficient excuse for the assayer of the mint pursuing the course he did.

The difference to the Government between the charge imposed on this deposit and the amount required by the regulations is \$359.72, which properly should be disallowed in the settlement of your accounts.

As I am disposed, however, to be very liberal in construing the practice in your

mint I shall not recommend a disallowance in this case but hereafter whenever the charges fixed by the regulations are deviated from upon the authority of an operative officer without specific authority from this Bureau the difference will be disallowed in the settlement of your accounts.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 22, 1890.

Merchants' National Bank,
Helena, Mont.

Telegrams.

— Treasurer promises to send you draft for fifty thousand dollars to-day. The Bureau has orders with him aggregating one hundred thousand dollars.

Hereafter address telegrams in regard to your balances to the Treasurer.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

December 23, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith sample sheet of the proposed book asked for in your letter of the 18th. instant.

The Bureau is unable to make a requisition for the book unless definite information is received, especially so in the Mint service, where the rulings, headings, ^{and} titles of books so widely differ in almost every instance ^{and} as in this case causes a delay

in the delivery of the requisition that is embarrassing not only to the Public Printer but also your Mint. — In the future you must have prepared ^{my} submit with your requisition copy of all books ^{my} blanks required for use in your Mint ^{my} and in no case will this Bureau undertake the task of preparing copy for the Printer as on recent occasions.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Reech,
Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-six Thousand One Hundred ^{my} Ninety-three ⁸⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$26,193.⁸⁴/₁₀₀) in Gold Coin, ^{my} Three Hundred ²⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$300.²⁵/₁₀₀) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred ^{my} Ninety-three ⁸⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$26,493.⁸⁹/₁₀₀), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 18, dated Dec. 20, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Reech,
Director.

December 23, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 13, dated Dec. 20, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 13, dated Dec. 13, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$26,561.⁰⁰; charges \$67.⁷², ^{and} net value \$26,493.²⁸. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Reech,

Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper Accounting Offices of the Treasury for examination ^{and} settlement, an account of the Chicago, Milwaukee ^{and} St. Paul Railway Co., for the transportation in the months of March & April, 1890, from Chicago, Ills., to Minnesota Transfer, of Mint Supplies amounting to 96⁰⁰, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Office, fiscal year 1890. — Duplicate bill ^{and} Rpt. herewith.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Reech,

Director.

Similar letter to the foregoing, except as follows, to the same address:—

+ + + Union Pacific (Oregon short line
+ Utah Northern divisions) Railway Co., for the
transportation in the Month of February, 1890, from
Granger to Silver Bow, of Mint Supplies amount-
ing to \$4.46, consigned to your care, payable
from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses
of your Office, fiscal year 1890. — Duplicate

Similar except as follows, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

+ + + two accounts of
the Union Pacific (Oregon short line + Utah
Northern divisions) Railway Co., for the trans-
portation in the Months of January + Feb-
ruary, 1890, from Ogden, Utah to Boise, Idaho
of Mint Supplies, amounting to \$5.32, con-
signed to your care, payable from the
appropriation for Wages + Contingent Expen-
ses of your Office, fiscal year 1890, +

December 23, 1890.

Ottomar Haupt, Esq.,
28, Rue St. Georges,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of
your letter of the 12th, inst., I would say
that I am always pleased to receive your
communications and publications bearing on
monetary subjects, and when I considered them
of sufficient interest I bring them to the at-

tention of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes ^{and} that \$300,000 of the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer W. S. at New York ^{and} the balance shipped him in notes of the following denominations: - \$50 - notes \$100,000.; \$10 - notes \$40,000.; \$5 - notes \$20,000.; \$2 - notes \$20,000.; \$1 - notes \$20,000.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 23, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Dec., 1890, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz: -

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$191, - \$2.00

2 S. S. Dollars, " \$192, - \$2.00

Total, - \$4.00

Respectfully yours, - E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Letter similar to the foregoing except as follows, to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2 U. S. Dollars, 'Del.,	\$285,-	\$2.00					
10 Dimes,	" \$286,-	\$1.00					
Total,-		\$3.00					

December 24, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck $\frac{1}{4}$ forwarded to this office at your earliest convenience one (1) silver life saving medal, the same to be placed in a suitable Morocco case, with pin, &c., $\frac{1}{4}$ forward the same to this Bureau with your account rendered on the enclosed blank voucher.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 24, 1890.

Capt. H. A. Mahan, U. S. A.,
Room 20 Fourth Floor, P. O. Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The clerk in filling in the answers to your questions yesterday thinks he inadvertently gave the weight of the copper in the gold dollar as $2 \frac{8}{10}$ grains while it should have been $2 \frac{58}{100}$ grains.

Please make the correction if you find that it has been given as $2 \frac{8}{10}$ grains. (Over)-

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The War Department desires to procure for the use of the Rock Island Arsenal, at Rock Island, Illinois, twelve (12) ounces, Troy, of pure gold.

I will thank you to cause the same to be prepared ^{and} forwarded to this Bureau with your account therefor, which will be paid by the War Department.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd., instant relative to the non-acknowledgment of the receipt, by the accounting officers, of authority to endorse mint receipts for deposits of bullion, I would suggest that in future, whenever it becomes necessary to obtain the authority of any party to endorse a receipt, you file the authority with the original receipt ^{and} forward the same with your bullion accounts, keeping a record of the disposition made of the authority. When received, a record will be made in this Bureau ^{and} by the accounting officers of the authority. This will

obviate all cause of complaint in the future.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach,

Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed please find four blank traveling expense vouchers as requested in your letter of the 20th, instant. One of these is all you will need as you will not be compelled to submit them in duplicate ^{and} all your expenses of different trips can be included in one account. Sub-vouchers for hotel expenses ^{and} the hire of livery service must in all cases be filed.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach,

Director.

December 26, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.
confirmed.

— In production statistics silver will be at coining value ^{and} all silver weights in fine ounces.

E. O. Leach,

Director, Mint.

December 26, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— In your bullion accounts you have increased the amount of Treasury notes by

five thousand six eighty-eight dollars, ^{and} reduced silver coin by same amount, covering partings. This entry is wrong. Silver coin should have been reimbursed from Treasury notes. The balance of Treasury notes shown in your accounts must always be the difference between the amount transferred ^{and} the net value of silver purchases and partings. Explain by mail.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

December 26, 1890.

A. M. Da Costa, Esq.
126, West 6th, St.
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 23rd, inst., requesting certain information, you are informed that on page 165 of the annual report of the Director of the Mint, 1890, will be found the information desired in your first interrogatory.

On page 13 of the report on the production of the precious metals, 1889, will be found the gold production of the United States for the year 1889.

Copies of the above mentioned reports are mailed you herewith.

The world's production of gold for the years 1880, 1881, ^{and} 1889, was: —

1880, —	\$106,436,786.—
1881, —	107,773,157.—
1889, —	118,831,559.— (See page 259, report on the production metals, 1889)

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of Domestic Production (Form No. 61) for November I notice you have entered opposite North Carolina 1,235.710 standard ounces gold ^{and} 365.03 standard ounces silver.

Do not these figures represent the deposits of bullion from New Mexico instead of from North Carolina.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1890.

Hon. Lansing B. Migner,
U. S. Minister,
Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Sir:

Your communication of the 30th, ult., forwarding the statistics relative to Guatemala, in reply to circular of the Department of State, dated December 18, 1889, has been received at this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination ^{and} settlement, an account of the

Chicago, Milwaukee ^{and} St. Paul Railway Co.,
for the transportation in the Month of Feb-
ruary, 1890, from Chicago, Ills., to Council Bluffs
of Mint supplies, amounting to \$1.50, consigned
to your care, payable from the appropriation
for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal
year 1890. Duplicate bill ^{and} Rfd. herewith.

Very respectfully,

C. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: —

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+
from	Chicago, Ills.,	to	Council Bluffs,	+	
+	+	amounting to	<u>28¢</u> ,	+	+
+	+	+	+	of your Office,	fis-
cal	year 1890.	+	+	+	+

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+
of the	Ohio ^{and} Mississippi	Railway Co.,	for the		
transportation	in the Month of	September,			
1890,	from Washington	to East St. Louis	+		
+	+	(Stationery),	amounting to	<u>\$4.03</u> ,	
+	+	+	+	+	fiscal
year 1891.	+	+	+	+	+

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

—	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	an account of	
the Louisville ^{and} Nashville	Railway Co.,	+			

+ + + + + from Pittsburg
to New Orleans, + + + amounting to
\$3.31, + + + + +
+ + + + +
+ + + + +

December 27, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward a statement of the silver delivered by the Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company on their sale of the 17th instant of fifty thousand (50,000) ounces at \$1.07.98 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 27, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I will thank you to make up ^{me} forward a detailed statement of old material ^{me} by-products sold by you during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following: —

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

(Over) —

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 27, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Andrew W. Smyth, Superintendent of the United States Mint at New Orleans, Louisiana, the sum of two hundred ^{and} seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000 -) on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars under the Act of February 28, 1878, ^{and} that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours, — E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Letters similar to the foregoing except as follows, to same address. —

+ + + in the name of Samuel C. Wright,
Superintendent of the United States Mint at Carson City,
Nevada, the sum of one hundred ^{and} sixty thousand
nine hundred ^{and} thirty-five dollars ^{and} twenty-two
cents (\$160,935.22), + + + + +.

+ + + in the name of William H. Di-
mond, Superintendent of the United States Mint at
San Francisco, Cal., the sum of two hundred ^{and}
three thousand four hundred ^{and} twenty-seven
dollars ^{and} sixty-five cents (\$203,427.65), +
+ + + +.

December 27, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of
the Treasury to cause the sum of two hundred ^{and}
seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000), to be
deposited in the Treasury of the United States
in your name on account of profits on the
coinage of standard silver dollars under the
Act of February 28, 1878, ^{and} that your Bullion
fund be increased by the transfer of the same
amount.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + + (over) —

the sum of two hundred ^{and} three thousand four hundred ^{and} twenty-seven dollars ^{and} sixty-five cents —
 (\$203,427.65) + + + + +
 + + + + +

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

+ + + + +
 the sum of one hundred ^{and} sixty thousand nine hundred ^{and} thirty-five dollars ^{and} twenty-two cents
 (\$160,935.22). + + + + +
 + + + + +

December 29, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars \$1,000,000.— by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
 C. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 14, dated Dec. 24, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint, at Philadelphia,

Shipment No. 14, dated Dec. 17, 1890, has been received & examined at this Bureau, & the gross value found to be \$10,070.⁶⁵; charges \$23.⁰³, & net value \$10,052.⁶². For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand and ³²/₁₀₀ Fifty-two ³²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$10,052.³²), Gold Coin, and One Hundred ³⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$100.³⁰) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand and One Hundred ⁶²/₁₀₀ Fifty-two ⁶²/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$10,152.⁶²), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 14, dated Dec. 24, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

December 29, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.) ^{and} that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1890.

G. M. Hart, Esq.,
Offg. Asst., Secy. to the Gov't. of India,
Calcutta, India.

Sir:

I acknowledge with thanks the copy of the reports on the working of the Mints ^{and} assay departments at Calcutta ^{and} Bombay for the year 1889-90.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

December 29, 1890.

Hon. Redfield Proctor,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 22nd., instant, I have the honor to transmit herewith twelve ^{and} one one-hundredth (12.01) ounces, troy, of pure gold, the value

of the same, at twenty dollars $\frac{2}{3}$ sixty-seven cents ($\$20.67$) per ounce, being two hundred $\frac{2}{3}$ forty-eight dollars $\frac{2}{3}$ twenty-five cents ($\$248.25$), for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft in favor of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia to be remitted, under cover to this Bureau, as early as practicable, as the Superintendent is short in his accounts to this extent until the same is re-imbursed. I transmit herewith the accounts of the Superintendent of the Mint receipted in duplicate.

Please acknowledge receipt of the package.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1890.

G. F. Gage, Esq.,

Fourth $\frac{1}{2}$ Townsend Street,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th, inst., you are informed that if you will remit to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, by draft or otherwise, an amount equal to the face value of such coins of 1891 as you desire, they will be forwarded to you.

I have instructed the Superintendent of that mint to strike early in January a few coins of each denomination authorized by law.

The coins are as follows: -

Double Eagle, - $\$20.$

Eagle, - $10.$

Half-Eagle, - $5.$

Quarter-Eagle, - 2.50

(Over)

Silver Dollar, - \$1.00
 Half-Dollar, - .50
 Quarter-Dollar, - .25
 Dime, - .10
 5-cent, nickel, - .05
 1-cent, bronze, - .01

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Dec. 1890, ^{are} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz: -

6 U. S. Dollars, - \$6.00
 Total, - \$6.00

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Singular letters except as follows, to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—
	4	U. S. Dollars, -		\$4.00		
	30	Dimes, -		3.00		
		Total, -		\$7.00		

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	—

6 S. S. Dollars, Del. $\$47\frac{1}{2}$, - $\$6.00$
 Total, - $\$6.00$

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	-	
30 Dimes, -						$\$3.00$	
4 S. S. Dollars, -						4.00	
4 Quarters, -						<u>1.00</u>	
Total, -						<u>$\\$8.00$</u>	

December 30, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings ^{and} Expenditures is herewith returned for correction. Contingent Expenses should be $\$13,306.67$ instead of $\$13,313.96$.

Please return the enclosed Statement with the corrected one.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Application has been made on behalf of the Leland Stanford, Jr., Museum of Palo Alto, California, for a set of coins of the calendar year 1891, to be placed in the corner-stone of the building which will be laid about February 1st, ^{and} Mr. S. I. Gage of San Francisco has been

informed that by remitting you the face value of the coins desired they will be furnished.

You will please strike some coins of all the denominations authorized by law early in January.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1890.

R. P. Bothwell, Esq.,

27, Park Place, New York.

Sir:

Replying to yours of yesterday I would say that the lowest price of bar silver in London was, on Feb. 14, 1890, $43\frac{7}{8}$ pence per ounce, British standard, and the highest price was, September 3 and 4, $54\frac{5}{8}$ pence per ounce, British standard. The average price for the calendar year has not been computed, but will approximate $47\frac{3}{4}$ pence, equivalent at the par of exchange to $\$1.04, 67$ per fine ounce.

The average ratio of silver to gold for 1890 approximately, is $19\frac{3}{4}$ to 1. Of course these figures are liable to slight change.

I send you a table of the values of foreign coins, also a memorandum of the charges.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1890.

R. P. Bothwell, Esq.,

27, Park Place, New York.

Telegram.

— Highest price, fifty-four five-eighths pence. Lowest $43\frac{7}{8}$. Average, ap-

proximately, forty-seven three-quarters. Ratio
to gold $19\frac{3}{4}$ to 1. Answer in full by mail.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

December 30, 1890.

Hon. Justin Morrill,

U. S. Senate.

Sir:

Replying to your oral interrogatories of
this morning I have the honor to state as
follows:—

1.— The product of gold in the world for
the calendar year 1889, was, — \$121,162,000; sil-
ver 124,469,000 fine ounces, commercial value
\$116,674,000, coining value \$161,318,000.

2.— The product of gold ^{and} silver in the
world for the calendar year 1873, was, — gold
\$96,200,000; silver 63,267,000 fine ounces, com-
mercial value \$82,120,000, coining value —
\$81,800,000.

It will be seen that the
product of gold has increased about 25 per cent.
while the product of silver has increased near-
ly 100 per cent. since 1873.

3.— The statistics of the production of gold
^{and} silver for the calendar year 1890 have not
been compiled as the year is not completed.

I think it is safe to say, however, that the
product of gold for the calendar year 1890
will not vary materially from that of 1889,
while the product of silver will be materi-
ally increased, probably about 10 per cent.

4.— The intrinsic, or bullion value of the sil-
ver dollar at the present price of silver is \$0.80,3.

5.— The market price of silver at the date of
the passage of the Act of July 14, 1890, was

49 $\frac{1}{4}$ pence, equivalent to \$1.07,96 per fine ounce,
 6.- The present price of silver in London is
 47 $\frac{3}{8}$ pence, equivalent to \$1.03,85 per fine ounce.

Trusting this information may answer
 your purpose, ^{and} with the remark that I will
 be pleased to furnish any further statistics that
 you may need in regard to the precious met-
 als, I am,

With great respect,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

December 31, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your
 Mint during the month of Dec., 1890, ^{and} for-
 warded to the Bureau of the Mint for special
 assay have been received, viz: -

2 U. S. Dollars, Del.	\$297, -	\$2.00
10 Dimes,	" \$298, -	1.00
Total, -		\$3.00

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report
 upon assay Gold coins taken from the first
 and two subsequent deliveries in each week at
 your Mint during the month of November,
 1890, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by
 the Regulations. The coins were found

to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following. —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+
December, 1890,	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Months of November & December, 1890,	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+

Hon. William Windom, January 1, 1891.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of the Act of October 1, 1890, I present in the following table an estimate of the values of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully yours,

Edward O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

December 31, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson City, Nevada.

Telegram.

— Resume local purchases of silver on second proximo^{my} pay until otherwise instructed

one dollar three ^{and} a half cents.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

January 2, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to have prepared ^{and} forwarded at once Form No. 193 for the month of December ^{and} also a statement showing the amount of silver purchased for the silver dollar coinage under each Act, by months, for the calendar year, the weight in fine ounces ^{and} the cost. — It is probable that a financial debate in the Senate will start soon ^{and} I wish to have the figures of the years purchases complete. — Please see that the figures are exactly right before the statement is forwarded.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 2, 1891.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I telegraphed you to-day to forward at the earliest possible moment Form No. 193 for the month of December, ^{and} also a statement showing the amount of silver purchased of all kinds, each month during the calendar year, under the two Acts, ^{and} the cost value of the same.

— As the financial debate in the Senate is liable to begin any day, ^{and} as the information will be needed for my production report at any rate I desire to compile a statement of the purchases of silver for the calendar year.

Please see that the figures are exactly right before the statement is forwarded.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leach,

Director.

Similar letters to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

January 2, 1891.

Hon. Leland Stanford,

1701, K. Street,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

As requested in the letter of your private secretary of this morning, I send you the following information: —

1. — Amount of gold in England, about, \$500,000,000.
2. — Amount of coin in Europe, about, — (Over) —

Gold, -	\$2,500,000,000,
Silver, -	<u>1,500,000,000,</u>
Total, -	<u>\$4,000,000,000.</u>

3. - Amount of money in circulation in the United States November 1, 1890, - \$1,499,004,121, a per capita of \$23.80.

4. - Amount in Government vaults same date, - \$704,409,790.

5. - Amount of greenbacks retired since 1865: Amount in circulation in 1865, - \$431,066,428; amount in circulation Jan. 1, 1891, \$346,681,106.
Reduction, - \$84,385,322

6. - In regard to the bonds issued for the purpose of redeeming greenbacks, I am not aware that any bonds were issued for that purpose, but \$99,500,000 in bonds were sold for the purpose of providing the coin reserve in the Treasury of \$100,000,000 for the redemption of legal-tender notes.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 2, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st, ult., I would say that the price used in estimating the value of foreign silver coins in the circular of January 1, 1891, was the average price paid by the Government for silver purchased during the quarter ended December 31, 1890, viz: - \$1.06,57 per fine ounce.

In regard to inserting this information in the table of the value of foreign coins

I would say that this table is intended for the guidance of customs officers, ^{and} the law explicitly provides that only the estimate of the Director shall be proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

While the information might be useful I do not think the table of the value of coins would be the proper place to insert it.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 2, 1891.
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 27th, ult., relative to reimbursing "silver coin account" from treasury notes with the aggregate payments in treasury notes that have been charged to silver coin, I would say that I have corrected your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1890, by eliminating from the debtor side of "treasury notes" the item \$5,688.39 ^{and} reducing the balance to \$932,754.23 ^{and} have corrected "silver coinage account" by eliminating from the credit side the entry \$5,688.39 ^{and} increasing the balance of silver coin to \$39,828,281.47.

You will understand that the law provides that the silver purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, shall be paid for in treasury notes so that the payments in Treasury notes at your Mint for any period must correspond with the exact cost value of all the silver purchased during the same period, whether Department purchases, local, or partings.

(Over) —

In my first letter to you on this subject I informed you that until treasury notes could be placed in your possession you would use silver coin in paying for small lots, but that you would, when you received treasury notes, take out an equivalent amount of such notes to use in your ordinary disbursements.

In your accounts for the quarter ending December 31, 1890, you will open the silver coin-^{ing} and treasury notes accounts with the balances as corrected by this bureau.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 2, 1891.

Hon. Justin S. Morrill,
U. S. Senate,

Dear Senator:

Replying to the interrogatories received by telephone from you to-day I would say: -

1. - At the present price of silver (\$1.05 per fine ounce) the value of $37\frac{1}{4}$ grains of pure silver is \$0.812.

2. - The amount of silver purchased by the Government during the calendar year 1890 was as follows: -

37,923,085 fine ounces.

\$40,250,397 cost value.

\$49,031,868 coining value.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 2, 1890.

John C. Brodhead, Esq.,
New Paltz, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st. ult., I would say that the Government did not accept the bond of the Guarantee Company of North America for Edward W. Brodhead, ^{by} that he is not under bond.

He was instructed to execute a bond with good ^{and} sufficient sureties, a blank form of which was sent him.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 2, 1891.

Hon. Jos. C. S. Blackburn,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Senator:

Replying to your letter of the 27th. ult., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement taken from my report on the production of the precious metals for the calendar year 1889, showing the per-capita circulation of this country, France, Germany ^{and} England. These figures relate to about the first of January, 1890.

There has been no material change in the per capita circulation of France, Germany ^{and} England since that date. I send you, however, on another sheet a table showing the changes in the circulation of the United States, brought up to November 1, 1890. — Trusting this information will be satisfactory, I am,

with great respect,

E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 2, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of December, 1890, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. — The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 2, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C.D. No. 7845, for \$112. —, being on account of Special Assay Fees, Dr. ending Dec. 31, 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 31st, ult., has been received, properly indorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: —

— C.D. No. 7846, for \$4,664.78, being on account of Parting & Refining Chgs, Dr. end. Dec. 31, 1890,
 + + + + +
 personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, + + + + + to the credit
 of the Appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

Letters similar to the foregoing, except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,

New York.

— C. D. No. 139, for \$12.20, being on account of
Sale of Old Material, Tr. endg., Dec. 31, 1890, + +
+ + + + no personal credit to
be given you in your bullion accounts, + +
+ + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

— C. D. No. 140, for \$215., being on account
of Special Assays of Bullion, Tr. endg., Dec. 31, 1890,
+ + + + + +
+ + + + + .

— C. D. No. 141, for \$3,242.52, being on ac-
count of Sale of By-products, Tr. endg., Dec. 31, 1890,
+ + + + + +
+ + + + + .

— C. D. No. 142, for \$370.52, being on ac-
count of Alloy Chgs., Tr. endg., Dec. 31, 1890, +
+ + + + +
personal credit to be given you in your bullion
accounts, + + + + + .

— C. D. No. 143, for \$23,692.69, being on
account of Parting & Refining Chgs., Tr., endg., Dec.
31, 1890, + + + + + +
+ + + + to the credit of the
Appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

— C. D. No. 145, for \$737.10, being on account
of Sale of By-products, Tr., endg., Dec. 31, 1890, +
+ + + + +
no personal credit to be given you + + +
+ + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

January 2, 1890.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Receive from Nevada Bank twenty-five thousand ounces at one dollar four ^{and} one-half cents per ounce ^{and} from Selby Smelting & Lead Company fifty thousand ounces at one dollar five cents per ounce.

E. O. Leech,
 Director Mint.

January 2, 1891.

Handy & Harman,
24, Nassau St., New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer of one hundred thousand at one five ^{and} twenty-five thousand at one five, quarter accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to:—

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Telegram.

— + + fifty thousand at one dollar five ^{and} one-quarter accepted. + +.

January 2, 1891.

Selby Smelting & Lead Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Nevada Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegrams similar to the foregoing except as follows, to the following: -

Clark, Dodge & Co.,

51, Wall St., New York.

— + + + for Philadelphia.

Gimmerman & Gorshay,

11, Wall St., New York.

— + offices +

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,

29, Wall St., New York.

Fourth National Bank,

New York.

January 2, 1891.

Weidelbach, Schelheimer & Co.,

New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leach.

Director, Mint.

January 2, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: -

Fourth National Bank, - 36,000 ounces, at \$1.04875.

Fourth National Bank, - 25,000 " " 1.06

(Over) -

Fourth National Bank, - 41,000 Ounces, at \$1.0525.
 Messlage, Colgate & Co., - 100,000 " " 1.0525.
 Messlage, Colgate & Co., - 30,000 " " 1.0510.
 Clark, Dodge & Co., - 100,000 " " 1.0525.
 Handy & Harman, - 100,000 " " 1.05.
 Handy & Harman, - 25,000 " " 1.0525.
 Zimmerman & Forshay, - 50,000 " " 1.0510.
 Zimmerman & Forshay, - 50,000 " " 1.0524.
 J. & W. Seligman & Co., - 50,000 " " 1.0525.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

— + + + + +
 + + + + + —
 Boston & Colorado Smelting Co., - 125,000 Ounces, at \$1.0498.

January 2, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of December, 1890, ^{are} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz: -

2 S. S. Dollars, del. ^{NY}, - \$2.00
 Total, - \$2.00

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.

New Orleans, La.

— + + + + + —

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$254,- \$2.00.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + + + —
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$202,- \$2.00.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + + + —
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$299,- \$2.00
10 Dimes, — " \$300,- 1.00
Total, — \$3.00

January 2, 1891.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 15, dated Dec., 30, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 15, dated Dec. 22, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value was found to be \$12,545.74; charges \$32.15, ^{and} net value — \$12,513.59. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 2, 1890.
Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir: — It is respectfully requested that a trans-

fer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twelve Thousand, Four Hundred and Eight $\frac{17}{100}$ Dollars, (\$12,408.17) in Gold Coin, $\frac{27}{100}$ One Hundred and Five $\frac{42}{100}$ Dollars (\$105.42) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred and Thirteen $\frac{59}{100}$ Dollars, (\$12,513.59), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 15, dated Dec. 30, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 2, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose a copy of a communication received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to the condition of the Seyss machines when received at that Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 2, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 30th, ult., relative to the condition of the Seyss machines shipped from the Mint at San Francisco, I have sent a copy of your letter to the Superintendent

of the mint in that city.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 2, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The letter from this bureau of November 29, instructing you to forward the sample coins for test, was not intended to change the regulations, section 9 of Article 12, as to the number of pieces or the deliveries from which the coins were to be taken. The intention of the letter of November 29 was simply that the pieces should be forwarded when taken instead of waiting until the end of the month or quarter. — I find that you are sending a great many more pieces to this bureau for test than is required by the regulations, ^{and} it seems quite a waste of coins, especially dimes.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 2, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram.

— Forward as early as possible, form one ninety-three for December ^{and} statement showing exact amount of silver purchased ^{and} cost, during each month of calendar year, ^{and} under each Act separately. — See that the figures are exactly right before forwarding.

E. O. Leech,
Director Mint. (Over)

Telegrams similar to the foregoing, to the following:—
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

January 2, 1891.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco.

Telegram.

— One million in treasury notes has been placed to your credit at New York,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 2, 1891.

R. P. Bothwell, Esq.,

27 Park Place, New York.

Telegram.

— Have not the information you want as to lead and copper in Mexican ore.
 E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

January 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to the abstract sheets accompanying your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1890, I find that the charges imposed on gold deposit No. 720, of August 7, made by A. Iselin & Co., do not agree with the amount called for by the assayer's report or by the regulations. An alloy charge of 27 cents has been imposed while the alloy charge should be 10 cents, and a toughening charge of 54 cents which according

to the assayer's report should have been 81 cents.
You will please explain the discrepancy.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find \$1.91 for which I
will thank you to return me by registered mail
a silver ^{3/4} minor coin proof set, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the
expenses of your institution during the month
of January, 1891, has been approved for the sum
of \$6,400., payable from the following appro-
priations made for the support of your Office
during the current fiscal year, viz: -

Salaries, -	1891,	<u>\$3,400.</u>
Wages of Workmen, -	1891,	<u>2,200.</u>
Contingent Expenses, -	1891,	<u>800.</u>

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: -
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

(Over) -

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
for the sum of	<u>\$2,900.—</u>	+	+	+		
+	+	+	+	+	—	
Salaries, -	1891,				<u>\$900.—</u>	
Wages of Workmen, -	1891,				<u>\$1,200.—</u>	
Contingent Expenses, -	1891,				<u>300.—</u>	
Mining Statistics, -	1891,				<u>500.—</u>	

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
for the sum of	<u>\$26,000.—</u>	+	+	+		
+	+	+	+	+	—	
Salaries, -	1891,				<u>\$4,000.—</u>	
Wages of Workmen, -	1891,				<u>\$18,000.—</u>	
Contingent Expenses, -	1891,				<u>4,000.—</u>	

January 3, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$6,000.—, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting^g & Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to the following:
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
the sum of	<u>\$8,000.—</u>	+	+	+		
+	+	+	+	+	+	+

January 3, 1891.

First Auditor,Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{my} settlements, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal., for the Quarter ending Sept., 30th., 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Carson City.

Sir:

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 26th., Dec., 1890. -
20 copies 18th., Annual Report, Director of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C.D. No. 7842, for \$125,500., being on account of Minor Coinage Profits inclosed in your communication of the 30th., ult., has been received, properly indorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as "Prof-

its on Minor Coinage".

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: —

— C. O. No. 7843, for \$129.38, being on account of Sale of old material, 2d. end'g., Dec., 31, 1890, + + + + +
no personal credit + + + + +
+ + as a miscellaneous receipt.

January 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of December, 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz: —

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. \$78, — \$2.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— + + + + +

+ + + + + —

4 S. S. Dollars, Delts., \$255 + \$256, — \$4.00

January 3, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for ex-

amination ^{my} settlement; your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending September 30th., 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 3, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st., ult., you are authorized to sell any old material that is of no service, depositing the gross proceeds in the Treasury ^{my} forwarding with certificate of deposit a statement showing in detail, the material sold ^{my} price received.

Under the law no allowance can be made for any expense attending the sale of old material, ^{my} therefore, your proper plan would be to invite bids by letter.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 3, 1891.

Sir:

Your Statement of Certificates of Deposit forwarded to this Bureau dated Dec., 30, 1890, is herewith returned for signature.

Please state specifically what the amount of Certificate of Deposit #7847 for \$103.26 covers, as you give no explanation on Certificate or in letter of transmittal.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 3, 1891.

Lewis J. Davis, Esq.,
Care Lewis Johnson & Co.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Referring to your oral request for information in regard to the per capita circulation of the United States ^{and} Europe, I send you herewith a copy of my report on the production of the precious metals for the calendar year 1889, on pages 58 ^{and} 59 of which you will find the subject very fully presented.

I also send a copy of my last fiscal report, on page 78 of which you will find the most recent data in regard to the circulation of the United States.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Ship silver dollars on certificates of deposit issued by assistant treasurer.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

January 5, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$501.40, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office

during the current fiscal year, viz:-

Salaries,-	1891,	<u>\$301.40</u>
Wages of Workmen,-	} 1891,-	<u>\$200.00</u>
Contingent Expenses,-		

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following:-

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	for the sum of <u>\$236.80</u>			
+	+	+	+	+	+	—
Salaries,-			1891,	<u>\$236.80</u>		

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

—	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	for the sum of <u>\$2,500.</u>			
+	+	+	+	+	+	—
Salaries,-			1891,	<u>\$1,000.</u>		
Wages of Workmen,-			1891,	<u>\$1,000.</u>		
Contingent Expenses,-			1891,	<u>\$500.</u>		

January 5, 1891.

To the Publisher

New York Tribune.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause the daily edition of your paper to be mailed to this Bureau for one year from January 1, 1891. Bill for same will be promptly paid upon receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 5, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 5, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.), ^{and} that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 5, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the

Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{per} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{per} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: —

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,	— 50,000 Ounces, at	\$1.0455
Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,	— 50,000 " "	1.0466
Fourth Nat'l. Bank,	— 70,000 " "	1.0480
Handy & Harman,	— 200,000 " "	1.0458
Handy & Harman,	— 160,000 " "	1.0475

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 5, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Receive from Shannhauser & Co., twenty-four thousand ounces at one hundred four ^{per} one-half cents; from W. Loaiza & Co., twenty-eight thousand ounces at one hundred four ^{per} three-quarter cents; from Anglo California Bank fifty thousand ounces at one hundred four ^{per} eight-tenths cents.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 5, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith one silver life saving medal struck in compliance with your Request of the 22nd, ultimo. I also enclose the account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, for the

medal, case, &c, amounting to \$11.25 for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted him, under cover to this Bureau, as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 5, 1891.
American Exchange Nat'l. Bank,
New York.

Telegram. — Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Confirmed.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Confirmed.

Kohn, Poppee & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

L. A. Cole,
No. 1, Broadway, New York.

Confirmed.

Saidlaw & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

L. Von Hoffman, & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

Wells, Fargo & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed.

J. & S. Hornsby,
New York.

Confirmed.

Eureka Consolidated Mining Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. H. J. Torrance,
#50, Wall St., New York.
 Similar, except as follows, to the following: —
 Confirmed. J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.
 — + offers +.

Confirmed. Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed. Grimmerman & Horshay,
#11, Wall St., New York.

Telegram. H. Louisa & Co., January 5, 1891.
San Francisco, Cal.
 Confirmed. — Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Confirmed. Similar telegram to: —
Thaynhauser & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.
 Similar, except as follows, to: —
 Confirmed. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
#29, Wall St., New York.

Telegram. Fourth National Bank, January 5, 1891.
New York.
 Confirmed. — Your offer of twenty thousand at one
 four eight-tenths accepted. Other declined.
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.
 Similar telegrams except as follows, to the following: —
Anglo-California Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

(Over) —

Confirmed. — + + fifty thousand at one four
eight tenths accepted. + +

Wandy & Harman,

*24, Nassau St., New York.

Confirmed. — + + two hundred thousand
at one four fifty-eight ³/₄ one hundred fifty
thousand at one four three-quarters +
Others +

January 5, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram. — Advance purchasing rate of silver to one
hundred ³/₄ four ³/₄ one-quarter cent per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson City, Nevada.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

January 6, 1891.

Messrs Geo. Y. Merrick &

Harley B. Morse,

Washington, D.C.,

Gentlemen:

Your communication of the 5th, inst.,
enclosing copies of your demand on the superin-
tendent of the mint at Philadelphia to receive a bar
of silver for coinage into silver dollars for your

benefit ^{my} his reply declining to receive the same ^{my} pay you coming value, ^{my} requesting me to instruct the superintendent to receive such silver bullion to be made into silver dollars for your benefit, has been received.

In reply I would say that the action of the superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia in refusing to receive the bar of silver to be coined into silver dollars for your benefit was in accordance with law ^{and} the regulations, ^{my} is approved by this Bureau.

The only authority of law for the receipt of silver bullion at the mints of the United States for coinage into silver dollars is that contained in the Act of July 14, 1890, which provides:—

Sec. 1.— That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to purchase, from time to time, silver bullion to the aggregate amount of 4,500,000 ounces, or so much thereof as may be offered in each month, at the market price thereof."

Sec. 2.— "That the Secretary of the Treasury shall each month coin two million ounces of the silver bullion purchased under the provisions of this Act into standard silver dollars + + + and any gain or seigniorage arising from such coinage shall be accounted for ^{and} paid into the Treasury."

At the date you presented the bar of silver at the mint at Philadelphia, the superintendent was instructed by the Department to pay \$1.03½ per fine ounce for silver offered for sale corresponding to the "market price". If he had received one bar of silver for coinage into silver dollars for your benefit, he would have paid at the rate of \$1.29,29 per fine ounce, which would have been in violation of law ^{and} instructions of the Department.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 6, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You will please cause 785,000 Silver Dollars to be coined in January.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to the following: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— + + + + 1,000,000 Silver Dollars to be coined in January for 1878 bullion.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + + 1,600,000 Silver Dollars + + + + and as many dimes and quarter dollars as practicable from trade dollar bullion without working overtime.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

— + + + + 200,000 Silver Dollars to be coined in January, 1891. The small fraction of silver bullion remaining on hand purchased under the Act of February 28th, 1878, you will transfer ^{and} treat as a local purchase under the Act of July 14, 1890.

January 6, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir: — I have to acknowledge the receipt of

your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts ^{and} Vouch-
ers, for the month ending December 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 6, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of December, 1890, ^{and} forwarded for test, as prescribed by the Regulations. — The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 6, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Have telegraphed assistant treasurer at New York that in the absence of assayer in charge the chief clerk is acting assayer ^{and} authorized to sign checks.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 1, 1891.

Assistant United States Treasurer,
New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— In absence of the Assayer in charge of U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, D. P. B. Price, Chief clerk, is acting assayer ^{and} is authorized

to sign checks.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 6, 1891.

John C. Brodhead,
New York.

Telegram.

— Yes, if he is unable to give a personal bond.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 7, 1891.

Messrs B. Westerman & Co.,
#812, Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

I have to-day approved ^{and} referred your bill of November 10th, 1890, for subscription to foreign periodicals, amounting to \$41.70, to the accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment ^{and} settlement. In due course of departmental business, which will probably be in about ten days, a draft for the amount will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech.

Director.

January 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery ^{and} Coinage of Silver Bullion Expense Accounts, with Abstracts ^{and} vouchers, for the month ending December 31, 1890.

Very respectfully, — E. O. Leech,
Director.

Letters similar to the foregoing, except as follows, to the following:-

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

— + + + Ordinary Expense Account + + + +.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

January 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{per} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

L. A. Cole, —	<u>112,000</u>	Ounces, at \$1.0492
Consolidated Kansas City S. & K. Co., —	<u>52,000</u>	" " 1.0515-
Consolidated Kansas City S. & K. Co., —	<u>34,000</u>	" " 1.0525-
Wandy & Harman, —	<u>10,000</u>	" " 1.0495-
Wandy & Harman, —	<u>10,000</u>	" " 1.05-
Wandy & Harman, —	<u>10,000</u>	" " 1.0505-
Wandy & Harman, —	<u>10,000</u>	" " 1.0510
Wandy & Harman, —	<u>10,000</u>	" " 1.0515-

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: — I have to-day requested the Secretary of

the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$25,000. from the appropriation for the Coinage of Silver Bullion, Act of July 14th, 1890, to meet in part, the expense of that Coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

— + + + +
the sum of \$2,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting^g & Refining Bullion."

January 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$28,500. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the fiscal year, viz: —

Salaries, —	1891,	<u>\$3,500.</u>
Wages of Workmen, —	1891,	<u>\$20,000.</u>
Contingent-Expenses, —	1891,	<u>5,000.</u>

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

January 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's Report upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and} two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of December, 1890, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. — The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury Draft No., 31,713 on Assistant Treasurer, U. S., at Philadelphia for \$181.25, issued in payment of your account for 18 Silver Indian Peace Medals forwarded by you on the 2nd, ultimo. I also enclose herewith Medal Fund vouchers signed in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

January 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please forward copy of the existing Contract with the Scoville Manufacturing Company for five-cent nickel ^{and} one-cent bronze

blanks, ^{and} also a copy of the last advertisement inviting proposals for furnishing these blanks.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 7, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 10, dated Jan'y, 3, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia; Shipment No. 12, dated Dec., 31, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$21,309.39; charges \$48.35, ^{and} net value \$21,261.04. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
St. Louis, Mo.

—	+	+	No. 130, dated Jan'y. 3,
1891,	+	+	+ Shipment
No. 130, dated Dec. 31, 1890,	+	+	+
^{and} the gross value found to be <u>\$18,834.95</u> ; charges			
<u>\$43.43</u> , ^{and} net value <u>\$18,791.52</u> .	+	+	
+	+	+	+

—	+	+	No. 131, dated Jan'y. 3, 1891,
+	+	+	+ Shipment
No. 131, dated Dec. 31, 1890,	+	+	+
^{and} the gross value found to be <u>\$15,587.00</u> ; charges			

\$37.22, ^{and} net value \$15,549.78. + + +
+ + + + + + +

January 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Dec., 1890, ^{and} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz: —

2 Half-Eagles, Del.	\$22,-	\$10.00
4 S. S. Dollars, "	\$49 + \$8,-	4.00
2 S. S. " "	\$8,-	2.00
Total, —		<u>\$16.00</u>

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

—	+	+	+	+
Month of Jan., 1891,	+	+	+	+
4 S. S. Dollars, Del.	\$2 + \$3,-			<u>\$4.00.</u>

January 7, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-one Thousand and One Hundred ^{and} Ninety-three ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$21,193.60), in Gold Coin ^{and} Sixty-seven ⁴⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$67.44), in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-one Thousand

and Two Hundred ^{and} Sixty-one $\frac{04}{100}$ Dollars (\$21,261.04),
being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded
by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay
Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum No. 12,
dated Jan'y., 3, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address:—

— + + + + +
of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, to that of
the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifteen
Thousand Two Hundred ^{and} Seventy-eight $\frac{07}{100}$ Dollars —
(\$15,278.07), in Gold Coin, ^{and} Two Hundred ^{and} Seventy-
one $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars (\$271.71), in Silver Coin, making a total
of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred ^{and} Forty-nine $\frac{78}{100}$
Dollars (\$15,549.78), being the net value of Bullion
+ + + + + + +

— + + + + + +
of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, + +
+ + of the sum of Eighteen Thousand Three
Hundred ^{and} Thirty-nine $\frac{55}{100}$ Dollars (\$18,339.55), in
Gold Coin, ^{and} Four Hundred ^{and} Fifty-one $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars
(\$451.97), in Silver Coin, making a total of Eight-
een Thousand Seven Hundred ^{and} Ninety-one $\frac{52}{100}$ Dol-
lars (\$18,791.52), + + + + +
+ + + + + + +

January 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram.

— I have estimated the cost of coining a-
half million dollars in twenty-cent silver pie-
ces for Government of Ecuador, making two ^{and}
a-half million pieces, at six thousand, seven, fifty

dollars, including cost of dies, based upon your letter of September eleven. — Telegraph me to-day whether this is a safe estimate ^{my} about how many dies it will probably take.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 7, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Receive from Selby Smelting ^{and} Lead Co., thirty thousand ounces at one dollar five ^{and} one-quarter per fine ounce, ^{and} from Bank of California three hundred ^{and} fifty thousand ounces at one dollar five ^{and} nineteen hundredths per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Confirmed.

January 7, 1891.

Wandy & Harman,
24, Nassau St., New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer of one hundred thousand at one five thirty-five declined. Others accepted.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, to: —
Consolidated Kansas City S. & R. Co.,

20, Nassau St., New York.

— Your offer of fifty-two thousand at one dollar five fifteen, ^{and} thirty-four thousand at one dollar five ^{and} one-quarter accepted. Other declined.

Confirmed.

January 7, 1891.

L. A. Cole,Telegram. No. 1, Broadway, New York.

— Your offer accepted.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to: —

Selby Smelting & Lead Co.,San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Similar except as follows, to: —

Laidlaw & Co.,New York.

Confirmed.

— + + for Bank of California
accepted.

January 7, 1891.

Anglo California Bank,San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

— Your offer declined.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to the following: —

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,29 Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

I. & S. Hornsby,New York.

Confirmed.

N. H. Torrance,55, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

Wells, Fargo & Co.,New York.

Confirmed.

Grimmerman & Larshay;

11, Wall St., New York.

Similar, except as follows, to the following: -

J. & W. Seligman & Co.,

New York.

— + oggers +

American Exchange National Bank,

New York.

January 8, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$6000. from the appropriation for the Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, Act Feb'y. 28th., 1878, to meet in part the expenses of that coinage at your mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nev.

— + + + + +

the sum of \$3000., to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting & Refining Bullion".

January 8, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of January, 1891, has been approved for the sum of \$9,200., payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:—

Salaries, —	1891,	<u>\$2,700.</u>
Wages of Workmen, —	1891,	<u>4,000.</u>
Contingent Expenses, —	1891,	<u>2,500.</u>

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

—	+	+	+	+
for the sum of	<u>\$6,000.</u>	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+
Salaries, —	1891,	<u>\$2,500.</u>		
Wages of Workmen, —	1891,	<u>2,500.</u>		
Contingent Expenses, —	1891,	<u>1,050.</u>		

January 8, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts ^{and} vouchers, for the month ending December 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director.

Letter similar to the foregoing except as follows, to: —

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

—	+	+	+	+	Bullion
Accounts	+	+	+	+	Quarter end-
ing					Dec. 31, 1890.

January 8, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 13, dated Jan'y. 5, 1891, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 13, dated Dec. 31, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, the gross value found to be \$28,617.84; charges \$73.59, net value \$28,544.25. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address: —

—	+	+	No. 13 1/2, dated Jan'y. 5,
1891,	+	+	+
Shipment No. 13 1/2, dated Dec. 31, 1890,	+		
+	+	+	\$1,014.98; charges
\$	and	net value	\$1,014.98.
+	+	+	+

January 8, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: — In reply to your letter of the 9th.,

inst., in relation to the silver coins from the Farmer's Bank of Shelbyville, Tenn., you will return the foreign coins to the Bank by registered mail, paying for the uncurrent U. S. silver coin at rate authorized at date of receipt of same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 8, 1891.
Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please forward a statement showing by months the amount of gold bars exchanged for gold coin at your Mint during the calendar year 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 8, 1891.
Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of One Thousand ^{and} Two ⁹⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars - (\$1,002.96) in Gold Coin, ^{and} Twelve ⁰²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$12.02) in Silver Coin, making a total of One Thousand ^{and} Fourteen ⁹⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$1,014.98), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 13 1/2, dated Jan'y. 5, 1891, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:—

+ + + + +
+ at Denver, Colo., to that of the U. S. Mint
at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Twenty-eight
Thousand One Hundred ^{and} Eighty-six ^{and} ⁹⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars
(\$28,186.99) in Gold Coin, ^{and} Three Hundred ^{and} Fifty-
eight ^{and} ¹⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$358.16) in Silver Coin, making a
total of Twenty-eight Thousand Five Hundred ^{and}
Forty-four ^{and} ²⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$28,544.25), being the net
value + + + + +
as shown by Memorandum No. 13, dated Jan'y. 6,
1891, + + + + +.

January 8, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint
during the month of Jan'y. 1891, ^{and} forwarded to
the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have
been received, viz:—

2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #4, — \$2.00

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + +
Dec. 1890, + + + + +
2 S. S. Dollars, Del. #207, — \$2.00

January 8, 1891.

Prof. I. C. Mendenhall,
Supt. U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd., ultimo, notifying me of the adjustment of the set of weights received from the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, I have to request that you will cause the same to be properly packed for shipment ^{and} the box marked, U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nevada.

The United States Express Company will call for the same.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 8, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, be increased in the sum of Two Million Dollars — (\$2,000,000), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:—

— + + + +
 Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of
 Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.) +
 + + in lawful money. + +

+ + Assayer in charge + + +
with the First National & Denver National Banks,
Denver, Colo.

January 8, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to:—

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

January 8, 1891

+ + + + +
+ + of Two Hundred Thousand
Dollars (\$200,000.), + + +
+ with the First National & Denver National
Banks, Denver.

January 8, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

C. D. No., 190, for \$396.48, being on account of Melting, Assaying & Stamping chgs., 2^{ds}, end'g Dec. 31, 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 31st ult., has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in

your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to same address:—

— Cf. D. No. 191, for \$110., being on account of Special Bullion Assays, Dr. end'g. Dec. 31st, 1890,

+	+	+	+	+
no personal credit	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+

— Cf. D. No. 192, for \$40., being on account of Sale of old material, Dr. end'g. Dec. 31st, 1890,

+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+

Similar, except as follows, to the following:—

Assayer, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colo.

— Cf. D. No. 8781, for \$386.28, being on account of Melting, Assaying & Stamping Chgs. Dr. end'g. Dec. 31, 1890,

+	+	+	personal credit to be	+	+
+	+	+	given you in your Bullion accounts,	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+

— Cf. D. No. 8783, for \$4., being on account of Special Bullion Assays, Dr. end'g. Dec. 31, 1890,

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	no personal credit to be given	+	+	+
you	+	+	+	+	+

— Cf. D. No. 8792, for \$91.30, being on account of Sweep bar, Dr. end'g. Dec. 31, 1890,

+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	personal credit to be given you	+	+	+

Similar, to the following: —

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

— C.F.D. No. 672, for \$86.37, being on account of Melting, Assaying & Stamping chgs. Dr. end'g. Dec. 31, 1890, + + + 2nd. inst. +
+ + + + personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts + +
+ + + + + + +

— C.F.D. No. 676, for \$166. —, being on account of Special Ore & Bullion Assays, Dr. end'g. Dec. 31, 1890, + + + 3rd. inst., +
+ + + + + no personal credit to be given you + + +
+ + + + + + +

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— C.F.D. No. 97, for \$167.15, being on account of Parting & Refining chgs. Dr. end'g. Dec. 31, 1890, + + + 2nd. inst., +
+ + + + personal credit to be given you in your Bullion Accts., +
+ + + to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

— C.F.D. No. 98, for \$1.78, being on account of Alloy chgs., Dr. end'g. Dec. 31, 1890, + + + +
+ + + + personal credit to be given you + + + +
+ + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

(Over) —

— C.P.D. No. 7847, for \$103.26, being on
 account of Alloy chgs. Dr. endg. Dec. 31, 1890,
 + + + of the 31st ult., +
 + + + + +
 personal credit to be given you in your Bullion
 accounts + + + + +
 + as a miscellaneous receipt.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— C.P.D. No. 255, for \$712.22, being on
 account of Sale of Old material & By Products
 Dr. endg. Dec. 31, 1890, + + + of the
 31st ult., + + + + +
 + + no personal credit to be given
 you + + + + +
 + + + + +.

January 8, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

You will please forward this Bureau an
 itemized Statement of the Special Bullion ^{and} Ore
 assays, for the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1890, covering
 amount of Certificate of Deposit forwarded (\$166.51);
 please forward explanation of C.P.D. #672, for \$86.37,
 the explanation "An account, settling P. & L. Bal.
 Ac.," is no explanation whatever.

Please state explicitly, on what account the
 deposit was made. — The object of Form #108, a,
 is to cover the entire deposits of the Dr., ^{and} not
 to be forwarded with each Certificate as you
 have done.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach,
 Director of the Mint.

January 8, 1891.

Prof. George F. Barker,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Professor:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday, requesting me to appoint Prof. John H. Appleton, of Brown University, on the Annual Essay Commission, I would say that your recommendation will receive favorable consideration at my hands, and, unless something unexpected happens to prevent, I shall place Prof. Appleton's name upon the list of Essay Commissioners, which I take to the President.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 8, 1891.

Editor, Commercial & Financial Chronicle,
102, William St., New York.

Telegram.

— Statement mailed you yesterday, duplicate sent to-day.

E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 8, 1891.

R. P. Rothwell,
27, Park Place, New York.

Telegram.

— Please send to-day, by express, volume "Congres Monetaire de eighteen-eighty-nine", as I will need it to-morrow for use of Congress. Also if you have finished with it, article by Dr. Soetbeer on the production of the precious metals, sent you at the same time.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

January 8, 1891.

C. E. Burlingame, Esq.,
#46, Lawrence St.,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

See Mining
 Book #3 -
 p. 17-

Your communication of the 3rd. inst., is at hand, ^{and} I beg to thank you for your kindness in furnishing the information desired, which was entirely satisfactory.

Very respectfully,
 C. O. Leach,
 Director of the Mint.

January 8, 1891.

Messrs Widder, Peabody & Co.,
P. O. Box 2214,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 6th., inst., relative to the coinage of silver Sucres for the Government of Ecuador, you are respectfully informed that it will first be necessary that the Department should have official evidence from the Government of Ecuador that you are the authorized agent of that Government, ^{and} have authority to have the coinage executed. The next step will be for the Government of Ecuador to furnish this Bureau with the devices ^{and} designs, as well as the weight ^{and} fineness of the coins desired.

It will then be necessary to prepare dies, the engraving of which will occupy a period of, say, two months. Upon the completion of the dies, the coinage can be executed either in Philadelphia, San Francisco, or New Orleans, I think to the amount of \$100,000. monthly, in 20-cent pieces, but as the law only allows

us to execute coinage for foreign governments when it will not interfere with the regular business of the Mints, I would not agree to deliver a specific amount each month, but will do the very best that the facilities of the mint will afford.

I am informed by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia that it will take about 180 pairs of dies to execute this coinage, ^{and} he is of the opinion that the entire coinage can be executed, including the cost of the dies, for \$7,000.

Of course you will understand that the Government of Ecuador, or you, as its agent, will furnish the silver necessary for such coinage.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 9, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ~~pay~~ for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:-

Handy & Harman, -	<u>65,000</u>	Ounces, at	<u>\$1.0510.</u>
Handy & Harman, -	<u>50,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0523.</u>
Fourth National Bank, -	<u>57,000</u>	" "	<u>1.05125.</u>
L. A. Cole, -	<u>59,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0524.</u>
H. N. Paul, -	<u>75,000</u>	" "	<u>1.05125.</u>
J. & W. Seligman & Co.,	<u>25,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0520.</u>
N. H. Torrance, -	<u>30,000</u>	" "	<u>1.0520.</u>

(Over) -

Germania Company for Insurance
 on Lives & Granting Annuities, - 27,600 Ounces, at \$1.0525.
 American Exchange National Bank, 63,000 " " 1.0575.
 American Exchange National Bank, 33,000 " " 1.0575.
 American Exchange National Bank, 34,000 " " 1.0518.
 American Exchange National Bank, 31,000 " " 1.0520.
 American Exchange National Bank, 31,000 " " 1.0523.
 American Exchange National Bank, 28,000 " " 1.0525.
 American Exchange National Bank, 29,000 " " 1.0527.
 American Exchange National Bank, 28,000 " " 1.0530.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

— + + + + +
 + + + + +
 Boston & Colorado.
 Smelting Company, - 70 000 Ounces, at \$1.0528.

January 9, 1891.
Prof. S. C. Mendenhall, Supt.

U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please deliver to the United States Express Company the weights for shipment to the United States Mint at Carson.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 9, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first ²/₃ of two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint, to Jan. 6, 1891, ²/₃ forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. — The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to: —

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,Carson City, Nev.

—	+	+	+	+
upon silver assay coins	+	+	+	+
during the Month of December, 1890,			+	
+	+	+	+	+

January 9, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Telegram.

— Two million placed to your credit at New York by wire.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

January 9, 1891.

Joseph Nimmo, Jr. Esq.,
Palmer House,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I send you by to-day's mail a copy of my report for the fiscal year ended June 30,

1890. — On pages 83 & 84, you will find the information requested in your letter of 3rd., instant in relation to the production of gold ^{and} silver in the United States ^{and} the world.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 9, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts ^{and} vouchers, for the Month ending Dec., 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 9, 1891.

Messrs Wandy & Harman,
24, Nassau St., New York.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your offers for the sale of silver I would request that you do not split them into small lots ^{and} at prices varying such trifling amounts. It really has nothing to do with the acceptance, ^{and} creates confusion in the dispatches ^{and} considerable clerical labor upon the part of this office ^{and} the Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to: —

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

January 9, 1891.
Robt. Hardrop, Esq., Treasurer,
Penna. Lead Co.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to thank you for your Statement of *Recs Mining*
 the number of ounces ^{of} the value of Gold ^{and} Silver *Book &*
 ore furnished manufacturers, jewelers ^{and} others, *p. 18-*
 for use in the industrial arts during the cal-
 endar year 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 9, 1891.
Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bull-
 ion Fund of the United States Assay Office
 at Boise, be increased in the sum of Twenty-
 five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.), by a trans-
 fer of that amount in lawful money, ^{and} that
 the same be placed to the credit of the As-
 sayer in charge of said institution with the
 Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 9, 1891.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund
 of your institution be increased by a trans-

per of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.),
 and that the same be placed to your credit with
 the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at
 New York.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 9, 1891.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the
 expenses of your institution during the Month of
 January, 1891, has been approved for the sum of
\$875.50, payable from the following appropri-
 ations made for the support of your Office
 during the current fiscal year, viz: -

Salaries, - \$275.50

Wages of Workmen &

Contingent Expenses, - \$600.00

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 9, 1891.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and
 settlement the Ordinary, Refinery & Coinage
 of Silver Bullion accounts of the Superinten-
 dent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the
 Month ending December 31, 1890, rendered to me
 for the purpose of adjustment as required
 by law. — Very respectfully, — E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 9, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery ^{and} Coinage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month of December, with my approval.

I desire, however, to call your attention to a slight error in calculating the extra time credited to A. H. Keen, sweep-cellar operative.

The amount due him should be 94¢, not 72¢, as credited on the roll. — My attention has been called to the fact that the following names have been omitted from the rolls during the month, viz: — George Askin, Cleance ^{and} Robert M. Kennedy, Smelter, both of the Coiner's department.

The names of all employes, whether entitled to pay or not, should be placed on the rolls with a brief explanation of the reason why their signatures are not attached.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

January 9, 1891.

Handy & Harman,#24, Nassau St., New York.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

— Your offer of sixty-five thousand ounces at one dollar five ten, ^{and} fifty thousand ounces at one dollar five twenty-three accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

January 9, 1891.

J. & H. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Telegram. — Your offer of twenty-five thousand
 ounces at one dollar five twenty, accepted.
 Confirmed. Other declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

January 9, 1891.

Commercial ^{and} Financial Chronicle,
102, William Street,
New York.

Telegram. — Treasury Department purchased seven
 hundred ^{and} fifty-four thousand six hundred nine
 ounces silver to-day.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegram to: —

Engineering ^{and} Mining Journal,
#27, Park Place, New York.

January 9, 1891.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram. — Receive from Nevada Bank twenty-five
 thousand ounces at one dollar five ten.
 Confirmed.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

January 9, 1891.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Telegram. —
 Confirmed. Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Telegrams similar to the foregoing, to the following:—

N. F. Lorrance,

Confirmed. 57, Wall St., New York.

Nevada Bank,

Confirmed. San Francisco, Cal.

W. N. Paul,

Lease Handy & Harman, 24 Nassau St.,
New York.

Confirmed.

Penna. Co., Fire Insurance on lives & granting annuities,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed.

A. A. Cole,

No. 1, Broadway, N. Y.

Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

Similar, except as follows, to the following:—

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed.

— + offers + .

January 9, 1891.

Grimmerman & Loeshay,

11, Wall St., New York.

Telegram.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Confirmed.

Similar telegrams to the following:—

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,

29, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

Anglo California Bank,

San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

(Over) —

Telegram similar to the foregoing except as follows, to:—

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
57, Wall St., New York.

Confirmed.

— + offers +

January 9, 1891.

American Exchange National Bank,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Telegram.

Your offers accepted as follows, viz:—

<u>63,000</u>	ozs.	at	<u>\$1.05-15.</u>
<u>33,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.05-15.</u>
<u>34,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.05-18.</u>
<u>31,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.05-20.</u>
<u>31,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.05-23.</u>
<u>28,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.05-25.</u>
<u>29,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.05-27.</u>
<u>28,000</u>	"	"	<u>1.05-30.</u>

Confirmed.

C. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 10, 1891.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, be increased in the sum of Two Hundred ^{and} Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.) by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer, W. S. at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
C. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1891.

A. M. Townsend,48, W. 59th, St., New York.

Telegram.

— Silver purchased this month aggregates two million seven sixty-four thousand ounces, of which seven fifty-four thousand ounces were purchased yesterday. This embraces local purchases to Sunday. — This week's locals will be reported to-night & made public Monday.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

January 10, 1891.

E. W. Nash, Esq., Treasurer,Omaha & Grant S. & R. Co.,Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

I beg to thank you for the additional information in your letter of 7th, inst., re-
garding the product of Gold ^{and} Silver for the calendar year 1890. See Mining Book 3-
p. 18-

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1891.

Ernest J. H. Amy, Esq., Manager,San Juan Smelting & Mining Co.,Durango, Colo.

Sir:

I beg to thank you for the Statement forwarded this Bureau, regarding the Gold ^{and} Silver product for the calendar year 1890. See Mining Book 3-
p. 18-

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred ^{and} Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia, in Treasury notes.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1891.

Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of Dec. 24, 1890, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, for information as to the amount of gold imported ^{and} exported since the first of last January, I have the honor to send you herewith a table giving the desired information.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1891.

L. A. Cole,

1. Broadway, New York.

— Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia makes approximate payment on delivery of silver sold, by draft on Assistant-Treasurer, New York.

E. O. Leech,
 Director.

January 10, 1891.

Frank A. Leach,
Oakland, Cal.

Telegram.

— Will you accept appointment as a member of the Assay Commission to test coinage which meets in Philadelphia February eleven. No compensation, but expenses paid. Mr. McKenna desires you appointed. Session will last three days. Answer, Government expense.

E. O. Leach,
 Director, Mint.

January 10, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your "register of deposits" for the quarter ended Dec. 31st, 1890, has been received.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach,
 Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Your report of the adjustment of weights at your office for the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1890, has been received.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach,
 Director of the Mint.

January 9, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of Jan. 1891, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:—

2 P. S. Dollars, Del. \$2, — \$2.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, to same address:—

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2 P. S. Dollars, Del. \$3, — \$2.00

Similar, except as follows, to:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + +
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2 Double Eagles, Del. \$1, — \$40.00

January 12, 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be \$1.66½, per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

January 12, 1891.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— Receive from Eureka Consolidated Mining Co., thirteen thousand five hundred ounces at one dollar five $\frac{3}{4}$ one-quarter $\frac{3}{4}$ from Anglo California Bank, twenty-five thousand ounces at one dollar five $\frac{3}{4}$ nine-tenths.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

January 12, 1891.

Prof. S. C. Mendenhall,

Supt. U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 9th. inst., relative to obtaining a gold plate from the mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to the Superintendent of that institution for report.

As soon as the report is received I will communicate with you further on the subject.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

January 12, 1891.

Hon. George L. Shoup,

U. S. Senate.

Dear Senator:

Acknowledging the receipt of your reference of the 10th., inst., of a communication from W. F. Bankin, enclosing copies of a bill said to be due him by the Government for work done in connection with the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, I have the honor to state that no communication on this

subject has reached this bureau from Mr. Cunningham, ^{and} this is the first intimation that I have had that such a bill was unpaid.

I have referred the papers to the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, with instruction to make a report to me on the subject, ^{and} that if the work was done, ^{and} the amount is properly due Mr. Rankin, to have him render an itemized account, ^{and} have the Assayer in Charge approve the same ^{and} forward it to this bureau, when I will submit it to Congress for a deficiency estimate, or, as the basis for your action in ~~a~~ case you desire to offer an amendment to the deficiency bill, when it comes up in the Senate, appropriating the amount.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

January 12, 1891.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please have prepared ^{and} mounted, one silver life saving medal ^{and} forward the same with case, accompanied by your account for the same, to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.